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Hurd's treaty twist outflanks rebels

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Wood

■ The government has contradicted its own legal advice over the Maastricht social chapter, but cabinet embarrassment may be a fair price for leaving Tory rebels with a lost cause

THE government moved to extricate itself from its latest Maastricht crisis yesterday by repudiating its own legal advice and ruling that defeat on the contentious social chapter would not wreck the treaty.

In a bizarre development that provoked astonishment and derision, Douglas Hurd told MPs that the stark warning given the Commons only three weeks ago by his deputy was incorrect.

In a complete somersault, the foreign secretary said that defeat on the social chapter amendment, while undesirable, would not prevent Britain from ratifying the treaty. He told MPs of his regret that the legal advice given the Commons was not correct.

His statement, which came after Sir Nicholas Lyell, the attorney-general, overruled Foreign Office lawyers, appeared to have removed the rebels' best hope of scuppering Maastricht. In the words of one Tory backbencher, Mr Hurd had "shot the fox" of all those who thought they could stop the treaty by voting for amendment 27.

There were signs last night that the Tory Eurosceptics might drop their support for the amendment. "If it does not have the effect we thought it had, then there is no point voting for it," an MP said.

At the same time, the Tory opponents of Maastricht made clear that they had not abandoned their hopes of finding some other parliamentary device to wreck it. They would change the bill incorporating the treaty into British law and could not be ignored by the government.

Senior Foreign Office sources denied last night that the attorney-general had come to a politically convenient verdict. It was emphasised that the law officers had a reputation for independence.

In the Commons, however, Sir Russell Johnston, the Liberal Democrat MP for Inverness, appeared to have caught the mood when he said that where there was a political will a legal way would usually be found. Peter Shore, the veteran Labour sceptic, said the "Fifth Cavalry had come to the rescue".

John Cunningham, the shadow foreign secretary, asked why the government had only now come to its decision about the legal effect of amendment 27, tabled ten months ago. Mr Hurd, he said, had made "a charade of the whole proceedings".

Tristan Garel-Jones, the Foreign Office minister, said in the Commons on January 20 that if the amendment was carried "United Kingdom law would not conform to the treaty's provisions so it would be impossible for the United Kingdom to ratify the treaty."

His remark, made on the advice of the Foreign Office legal department, encouraged the Tory Eurosceptics in the belief that if they supported Labour they would bring the treaty down.

Earlier this month, however, Mr Hurd sought the advice of the attorney-general. Giving the conclusions to MPs, he said the amendment would have the effect of excluding from the bill the protocol on social policy, but it would have no effect on the treaty and would not bring the social chapter into effect in Britain.

With Lord Tebbit laughing in the peers' gallery, Mr Hurd said it would not "change the agreement among 11 [European Community states] into an agreement among the 12". Mr Hurd insisted: "The law officers consider that while incorporation of the protocol [opting out of the social chapter] in domestic law is desirable, it is not necessary for ratification or implementation of the Maastricht treaty. In other words, there would be no impediment to ratification if the amendment were carried because acts adopted under the protocol would still not apply to the UK."

Mr Hurd made plain that the government would continue to oppose amendment 27 because "for the sake of completeness and tidiness" the protocol should be incorporated into domestic law.

Lord Tebbit, who urged Tories to support the Labour amendment, said he had been vindicated and virtually demanded an apology from Mr Hurd. "I hope now he will listen more clearly to my legal advice when I give it."

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Ward: cleared by Old Bailey jury

Guinness lawyer acquitted

By Jon Ashworth and Angela Mackay

THOMAS Ward, the American lawyer at the heart of Guinness's £2.6 billion bid for rival drinks group Distillers, was cleared of theft at the Old Bailey yesterday, ending seven years of enquiry and courtroom drama.

The decision is an immense blow to the Serious Fraud Office and follows the collapse of the second Guinness case last year and also the quashing of the convictions in the £40 million Blue Arrow trial.

After the verdict, Mr Justice Turner said that he would have "something to say on the subject of fraud trials generally" when the court resumes this morning to discuss costs.

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Hold tight to your children, say police

By Ronald Faux

POLICE warned Merseyside parents not to let their children out of their sight yesterday as a murder hunt was launched to track down the killer of two-year-old James Bulger.

Revealing that the boy was murdered before his body was dumped on a railway line, Detective Superintendent Albert Kirby advised parents in Merseyside that police could not guarantee the safety of their children until the killer was caught. "For goodness sake keep tight hold of your children," he said. "Poor James only went missing from his mother for a matter of seconds, and he had gone. Until this person is caught, parents must keep hold of their children. Until we know what's happened, and who is responsible, we cannot guarantee their safety."

James wandered away from his mother in a Bootle shopping precinct on Friday. Police are studying security video film showing him in the company of two boys.

Detectives at a press conference said James was dead when he was put on the line and that his body was then hit by a goods train. He died of multiple injuries and police believe a weapon was used. They were not sure what the weapon was. The precise time of death would not be known until all forensic tests had been completed, but there was no evidence of sexual abuse. Det Supt Kirby said the injuries were so horrific there were no words to describe how he felt.

Helen Bulger, James's grandmother, said on local radio that criticism of Denise Bulger, her daughter-in-law, was unjustified. "I'd like to set the record straight over Denise and James. She was a very protective mother. These people who talk about negligence should think a lot more before saying it. It's just devastated us and I don't know how they can be so cruel."

She said the family had been overwhelmed by calls, expressing sympathy, from all over the country, and hoped technology would help police to identify the youths on the videotape. Of James she said: "He was a bubbly little boy."

Later yesterday, police found James's missing anorak hood lodged in a tree near the railway line where his body was discovered. It was in City Road, beneath the raised embankment near the freight line in Walton, Liverpool. A police spokesman said: "Officers feel this is a breakthrough."

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Government braced as jobless nudges 3 million

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor



THE government is bracing itself for a major political row this week despite the fact that Thursday's unemployment statistics will show that the seasonally adjusted figure is still under the politically sensitive 3 million barrier.

Labour party leaders are expected to mount a ferocious attack on both the level of unemployment and on the government's figures, which Frank Dobson, shadow employment secretary, said were now "grotesquely misleading".

The government will announce on Thursday that seasonally-adjusted unemployment, seen by ministers as the best measure of the number of people out of work, has not breached the threshold. However, unadjusted, so-called "headline" unemployment — the actual number of people out of work and claiming benefit — will top 3 million for the first time for almost six years. The figures will show the mounting toll of unemployment across the Conservative heartlands of the southeast. Since job losses started to rise again in April 1990, they has gone up across the region by 176 per cent. In the south-east outside London, the increase has been even higher, at 230 per cent.

Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, met government statisticians yesterday morning to consider the new figures and how to respond to the furore that will break over them. She will announce an increase in headline unemployment in January of less than 80,000. This is a markedly smaller rise either than the 119,200 headline increase for December, or the January rises over the past two years.

Mrs Shephard is expected

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Queen accepts Sun's £200,000 apology

By Ray Clancy

THE Queen last night accepted an apology from *The Sun* and £200,000 damages in settlement of her claim against the newspaper for publishing her Christmas message two days early.

Solicitors for The Queen, who had served a writ on the newspaper last week for infringement of copyright, spent all day discussing the apology, which was in the form of a front page letter.

A Buckingham Palace statement said: "Her Majesty is content to regard the matter as settled since the making of the payment by the newspaper must be seen as recognising the basis of the claim." The money is to be split equally between two charities, the Save the Children Fund and the Leonard Cheshire Foundation. *The Sun* agreed to pay the costs of the action.

The statement said that the Queen's action had been brought "to make clear that there had been a breach of Her Majesty's rights in the matter". It added: "When copies of the Queen's Christmas Broadcast to the Commonwealth are made available in advance for the convenience of the media in this country and abroad, such a system depends upon all the media accepting the obligation not to publish it prematurely.

"As *The Sun* now recognises, the publication did cause personal offence to the Queen but it also caused offence amongst those who prefer to hear or see Her Majesty's Christmas Message for the first time on Christmas Day."

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Jobless held below 3 million

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to emphasise the primacy of the seasonally adjusted total as an economic indicator and as the best measure of unemployment trends. Seasonal adjustment is a statistical process applied to the raw data by the employment department with the aim of producing a series of figures which allows for comparisons over time.

The process takes into account factors such as patterns of recruitment, holiday periods and the weather. Seasonal factors combine in January to produce their largest downward adjustment to the headline figures.

Government statisticians were working on a seasonal reduction of 66,000 to be applied to the unadjusted figures when they were received by officials at the end of last week, implying an increase of some 82,000 necessary to take the seasonally-adjusted figure above 3 million. The unadjusted total for January, of the number of people out of work and claiming benefit has not risen by that amount.

Privately, ministers and officials accept that the 3 million barrier will inevitably be broken — perhaps as early as next month. Despite the package of jobs measures to be announced in the budget next month aimed at helping the unemployed, ministers acknowledge that high unemployment will be a feature of the UK economy for some time to come.



Air to the throne: the Prince of Wales taxis to a halt a BAe 146 of the Queen's Flight at Mexico City airport at the start of a five-day visit. If he has had dreams of building a quaint English rural village at Poundbury, Dorset, he may now also have nightmares, having seen Mexico City (Alan Hamilton writes).

Yesterday, the first full day of his official visit, he met city officials and urban planners grappling with the task of running the world's largest conurbation, with a population approaching 20 million at the 1990 census. It is also the filthiest, according to the World Health Organisation.

Just before the prince's arrival on Sunday, ozone levels in parts of the city reached 216 on a WHO scale which measures anything over 100 as unsatisfactory and over 200 as positively dangerous. Eyes and throat begin to sting and strange pains prod at the lungs.

Mexico City lies 7,500ft up in a bowl of mountains which trap the exhaust fumes of the capital's four million cars. Temperature inversion pushes down the foul air and prevents its escape. On Sunday the air quality was bad enough to trigger the first stage of the city's emergency plan, shutting down 30 per cent of all industry and restricting the use of some vehicles.

For all his environmental concern, the prince is unlikely to be much troubled by the foul air. For the duration of his four day visit he is staying in a £900-a-night air-conditioned suite at Mexico City's premier hotel.

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Brer Garel-Jones opens new chapter on bramble patch

If I were Tristan Garel-Jones I should stay indoors this week. For it emerges that this Machiavelli of a foreign office minister has been acting as decoy. He has lured the Tory Euro-rebels and the whole of the Opposition into a trap together. Yesterday the trap sprang shut.

Garel-Jones is piloting the Maastricht bill through Parliament. Labour thought they had him and his bill surrounded. Over the weekend they had started to close in. And on Monday — hey presto! — up popped Douglas Hurd to declare that the bill was safe. Garel-Jones had escaped down a legal burrow with it.

Do you remember the tale in which Brer Rabbit is cornered? He begs his captors to inflict any humiliation they choose, but please *not* to drop him in the bramble patch. In the Commons tale the bramble patch is played by the social chapter, and Mr Garel-Jones plays the Welsh Rabbit.

Ten months ago, the Labour party framed an amendment to the Maastricht bill which aimed (indirectly) to force the social chapter on us. Ministers' apparent horror of this fuelled rumours that the amendment might scupper the treaty.

Even Tory Euro-sceptics, who hate the social chapter, began toying with the idea. Interest in the amendment grew. Enemies were closing in.

Last month, Brer Garel-Jones upped the tempo. Skipping out of his Foreign Office burrow, he called to his foes that Labour's amendment would be disasterous for his beloved Maastricht bill. It was the most fearsome of bramble patches, he said, giving them a quick flash of his little white bobtail: please, please don't drop him in the bramble patch. Their desire to do so grew.

And by this weekend it seemed that they had got him. Encircled by enemies, the Welsh rabbit and his Foreign Office friends were being pushed backwards towards the hated bramble patch of the social chapter, protesting their horror all the way. Arithmetic suggested there was no escape.

Until yesterday. It fell to the foreign secretary to make the statement. Labour's Jack Cunningham looked ready for the kill.

From the peers' gallery Lord Tebbit leered down. Tristan Bobtail sat quietly on the bench, his very serious expression ruffled by the occasional little grin. Hurd looked embarrassed by the effrontery of what he was about to do.

And, in a moment, Douglas had kicked through the legal undergrowth to reveal a hidden tunnel. The government didn't *mind* about the bramble patch, he said.

They were content to be in it, if that's what their persecutors wanted.

All that stuff from Tristan Garel-Rabbit about the treaty being wrecked if they were thrown into this patch had been — well, a *mistake*. Even as he spoke, Tristan Bunny-Jones scampered down the legal burrow, to safety. It was the neatest of tricks.

All the same, it *was* a trick. A measure which until yesterday had been described by ministers as vital was suddenly reclassified as a piece of legal frippery, a modest thing, probably unnecessary, popped in by super-cautious draughtsmen, an act of obsessive tidy-mindedness, just in case.

Just in case, that is, Britain should be taken to the European court over its exemption from the social chapter? Alone among MPs, Geoff Hoon (Lab, Ashfield), put his finger on it. Wasn't the foreign secretary, asked Hoon, only pretending that Labour's amendment would not injure the bill?

Hurd floundered in his denials. People know when they are cheating. It was interesting that John Major stayed away.

As unemployment approaches three million The Times identifies its fresh victims

Growing dole queue is snaking south and embracing all classes

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

Imagine driving from Newport to Rhyl, and then from Holyhead to Cardiff. Think of everyone you see on the way — and then the rest of the local population you don't see. That is the scale of unemployment in the UK — in 1993, joblessness is higher across Britain than the entire population of Wales.

Government figures to be published this week will show that unemployment has passed the three million barrier for the first time since 1987. But what has happened to unemployment: what is the difference between men and women, or in different parts of the country, or across different occupations?

A decade ago, it was easier. The people who became unemployed were classically male, manual workers, semi- or unskilled, who had been working in manufacturing industry, often in the old industrial citadels of the North, Scotland and Wales.

The pattern is different now. Since unemployment started to rise again in April 1990, many more white-collar employees, often in the South and working in the service sector, have lost their jobs. In advance of this week's figures, unemployment in December last year — the most recent statistics — looks like this:

☐ **Gender.** Since unemployment started to rise, men have been put out of work faster, with 2.28 million men out of work and 683,700 women. Male unemployment has gone up by 95 per cent, female 60 per cent.

☐ **Region.** Across the UK, unemployment has risen by 86 per cent since it started to go up again, but in different regions, the increase has been much higher. In the South East outside London, for instance, the rise is 230 per cent. Across the South East as a whole, the number of people out of work forms almost a third of total UK unemployment. Running close behind are the South West, where it has risen by 152 per cent, and East Anglia, up 147 per cent.

Ministers claim that high though these increases are, they are from a low base: low unemployment becoming slightly higher. But the actual level of unemployment in London is higher than in the north, than in the west Midlands, and than in Yorkshire and Humberside. Only in the North West and Scotland is it actually higher. Unemployment in the South East outside London is higher than in Wales, Northern Ireland or the East Midlands.

The rate of increase has been much lower in areas such as the North and North Westand is slowing even further there, but continues to accelerate across the South. Since the general election last year, unemployment in the South outside London has risen by 16.4 per cent. In the North West, it has gone up by 4.5 per cent.

☐ **Politics.** The rapid rise in unemployment across traditional Conservative heartlands of the South has seen joblessness in Tory areas rise much more quickly than in Labour areas. As an analysis by *The Times* this week showed, even since the election unemployment has risen twice as quickly in Conservative parliamentary seats as in those held by Labour. Since unemployment started to rise, it has gone up three times more in Tory areas than in Labour parts of the country.

☐ **Age.** The sharpest rise in unemployment across the age groups has been among men in their 30s. Unemployment among this group has jumped by 93 per cent to 494,600, roughly a fifth of the total.

Unemployment among young people is also high. People under the age of 18 are not classified as unemployed, because they are not eligible for benefit, althouth 291,000 16-17-year olds have a place on the government's Youth Training scheme. Among 18-24 year-olds, unemployment at 819,700 has risen by 75 per cent since overall unemployment started to rise, and represents 27 per cent of the total jobless.

☐ **Race.** Unemployment among ethnic minority groups is markedly higher than for the rest of the population. In 1989-91, according to the latest analysis carried out by the employment department, unemployment for ethnic minorities was 13 per cent, compared with 7 per cent for the general population. The highest unemployment of all is among the Pakistani, Bangladeshi and West Indian communities, at 14 and 21 per cent respectively. Indian unemployment is 10 per cent.

☐ **Occupation.** A new feature in the recession has been white-collar unemployment, which accounts for 25 per cent of all people out of work. In the third quarter of last year, clerical and secretarial unemployment on its own was 10 per cent of the total.

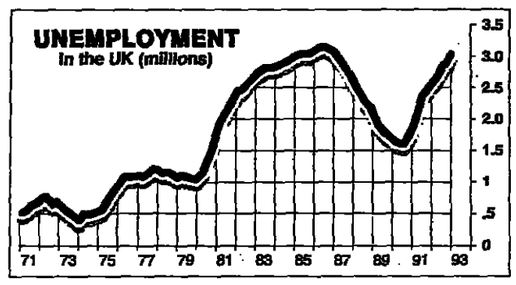
Jobs traditionally associated with high unemployment still top the list: craft jobs had 17.9 per cent of the total, while among plant and machine workers it was 11.9 per cent. But even taken together, unemployment in these traditional blue-collar areas only slightly outstrips the number of white-collar workers out of job.

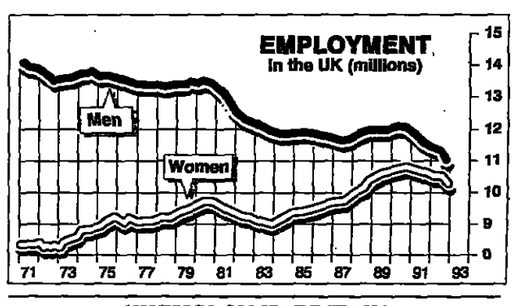
☐ **Industry.** Unemployment is not categorised by industry by the government, but employment is: the number of people in work, rather than out of it. Over the period since unemployment started to rise, employment has shown some startling falls: down by almost 25 per cent in the construction industry, for instance, with 248,000 jobs gone. Across manufacturing as a whole, 484,000 jobs, almost 10 per cent, have been lost.

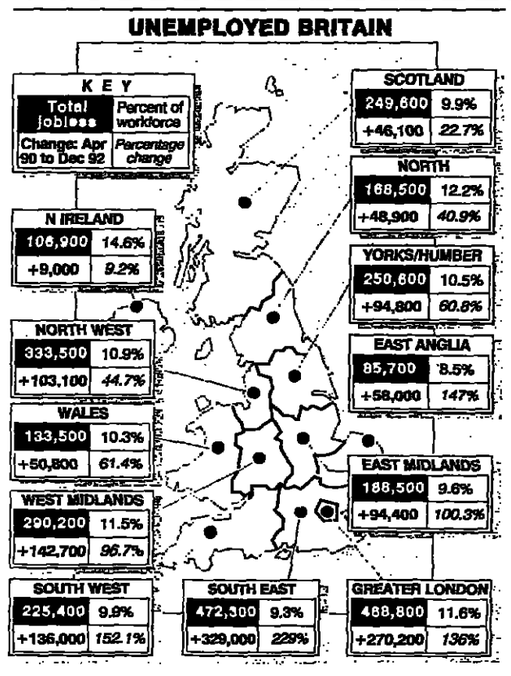
The service sector has not escaped: Some 428,000 jobs have been lost there, or 2.7 per cent of the total.

Motor manufacturing and metal goods making have been hit hard, with job losses of 12 and 14 per cent respectively. Retailing has seen the loss of 192,000 jobs, or about 8.5 per cent of the total, while banking has seen 5 per cent of its jobs go, about 136,000.

The only notable increase has come in public administration, including the civil service and local government, where the number of jobs has gone up by 45,000, or some 2.4 per cent.







Vacancies favour women

By Graham Searjeant

BY FAR the most striking element in changing employment patterns has been the growth in jobs filled by women. Between the past two employment peaks, 1.2 million women found jobs. During the same period, 1.4 million fewer jobs were filled by men. During the last boom, nearly all the extra jobs went to women.

The comparison is not as stark as these figures suggest — half a million men moved into self-employment, for instance — but unemployment has undoubtedly increased because so many more women wanted or needed to go to work when economic growth was relatively low.

Women do not appear to have replaced men. They have been able to find jobs while men have not because service industries, which employ relatively more women, have grown more than manufacturing industries. Women have also accepted part-time jobs. This has suited employers who wanted to make their labour force more flexible and minimise the pension and other overheads of full-time employees. About 45 per cent of women in work have part-time jobs, compared with about 10 per cent of men.

Married women with families have also been more prepared to move in and out of the labour force. Men made redundant from a full-time job find that the unemployment benefit system makes it hard for them to take part-time work or do odd jobs unless they are prepared to do so illegally. Virtually any odd job can affect unemployment benefit disproportionately.

Hidden toll claimed of sickness and suicides

By Arthur Leathley

A SURGE in the rate of suicide, premature death and ill health was pinpointed yesterday as the real "personal tragedy" behind mass joblessness.

Opposition parties and trade unions yesterday prepared their offensive on unemployment in advance of this week's expected announcement that the number out of work has exceeded three million for the first time in six years.

The Liberal Democrats highlighted the non-financial costs of unemployment as they launched their campaign calling for urgent government action.

The party claimed that a survey it has carried out shows that unemployment is "destroying the nation's fabric" through its harmful effects on health, homelessness and poverty. Underlining the health consequences of unemployment, the party claimed that those unemployed for more than a year were 19 times more likely to attempt suicide than those in work.

The consequences of unemployment in causing poverty-and stress-related illness and higher death rates affected not only those who aere out of work but also their children and partners.

The problems were in addition to the economic costs which were "draining the nation's coffers" at the rate of £9 billion in benefit payments each year, and £18 billion in lost tax revenue.

Charles Kennedy, the party's president, said that although the financial effects were huge, "the costs to society as a whole are much higher and endure for much longer", "Many whose lives were wrecked in the recession of the early 1980s have never recovered. We must not let that happen this time," he said.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, will unveil plans for grass-roots party workers to help the long-term unemployed. His announcement of details on Thursday will coincide with the expected confirmation that December's jobless total of 2,983,339 rose by more than 30,000 last month.

The Liberal Democrats will also unveil proposed solutions this week, aimed particularly at creating job prospects for those out of work for more than a year. Among the party's proposals are higher investment in schools, hospitals, housing and transport, creation of new training and retraining programmes and the establishment of an independent central bank to create stable economic management.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Young Briton held in Indian jail

An 18-year-old British man has been held for at least nine days in a jail in the southern Indian state of Kerala without access to a lawyer after being charged with theft of a government motor vehicle. Solomon Nicholson is thought to be the youngest Briton in a foreign jail.

Yesterday Stephen Jacobi, a lawyer who specialises in cases where Britons are held abroad, said: "The Foreign Office is apparently not going to send an official for four or five days. So we have this young British boy sitting in jail on a comparatively minor charge, without anyone exerting any pressure.

"We believe Solomon was arrested after he hired a government car. There are various scams in that part of India — it is impossible for someone to drive a local vehicle without being in breach of the regulations."

Boy denies death charge

A girl aged 14 who sniffed solvents died after she was engulfed in flames when a boy threw a lighted match in her lap, Bristol Crown Court was told yesterday. Her clothing was soaked with deodorant aerosol, the prosecution said. The girl, who had been using her jacket to "filter" the vapour, ran to a council home where she was in care. Staff wrapped her in a wet blanket and called an ambulance but she died in hospital ten days later. A boy of 15 denies manslaughter. The trial was adjourned until today.

Ford stays in the red

Ford has had its second-worst year of losses, with a 1992 deficit of up to £300 million. Results due in May are expected to show the toll that the slump in car sales has taken on Britain's biggest vehicle maker. It is understood the company could do little to recover from 1991's record £430 million loss, but it has cut its deficit to about £300 million after cost-cutting and redundancies. Prospects are brighter than for three years; the Mondeo goes on sale next month with a £10 million order by Hertz, the hire firm.

Home alone girl appeal

A London social services chief yesterday urged Yasmin Gibson, the mother of the 11-year-old girl left "home alone" last week, to contact council workers or the police. The appeal, by Denise Platt, Hammersmith and Fulham social services director, followed a meeting to discuss the future of Gemma Gibson, who is being cared for in a children's home.

Boy sent to secure unit

A 13-year-old boy alleged to have stolen 200 cars and who has fled council homes was yesterday sent to a secure centre almost 300 miles from his family home of Sunderland, Tyne and Wear. Sunderland magistrates, dealing with his latest escape from a council home, sent him for the maximum three months to a £500-a-day unit at Romford, Essex.

Times appointment

Phillip Crawley, 48, editor for the past five years of *The South China Morning Post* and editorial director of *Asia Magazine*, has been appointed managing director of Times Supplements, publisher of *The Times Educational Supplement*, *The Times Higher Education Supplement* and *The Times Literary Supplement*.

APOLOGY

Early editions yesterday contained a front-page photograph of Denise Bulger which, in the opinion of many readers, intruded on her grief and ought not to have appeared in *The Times*. This photograph was removed in later editions. We wish to apologise to Mrs Bulger and to those readers who were offended.

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Detectives hunting the killers of two-year-old James Bulger are flooded with calls

Anger over murder drives criminals to help police

■ Parents kept a close watch over children in Bootle yesterday as a community united in horror at the killing of James Bulger

By Ronald Faux

REVULSION about the murder of two-year-old James Bulger runs so deep in Bootle, the Liverpool suburb, that even criminals have been slipping into the local police station to offer detectives help in tracking down the killers.

As Denise and Ralph Bulger, James's parents, tried to come to terms with their loss, thousands of calls flooded into the incident room set up at Bootle police station. "People with previous convictions who've come through here have been helping as well with whatever information they might have. The response has been fantastic," one of the investigating officers said.

Shoppers in the Strand precinct from which James disappeared on Friday were again questioned by police yesterday and officers visited schools in the Sefton area in an attempt to identify the two boys seen leading him away on the shopping mall security video.

The Strand in Stanley Road, Bootle, is a modern warren of small shops and stores set in a covered area of the newly-refurbished shopping precinct. One shop assistant said: "People have been very quiet, studying the posters about James and watching their kids very carefully. The police have warned them to be on guard."

Horror and revulsion were the reactions of shoppers in the precinct yesterday to James's brutal murder, made more poignant because his innocent departure from the Strand, holding the hand of a stranger, was tracked by a security camera.

Parents with children agreed the tragedy could have happened to anyone. Tom Hughes, of Sefton, said: "You can't keep an eye on them all the time. They are bound at some time to do the disappearing act. Kids are like that. But for someone to murder a toddler wandering around lost is unbelievable."

A police officer on duty at the entrance to the Strand shopping precinct in Bottle yesterday summed up people's feelings: "Very sombre," he said. "I have never seen so many mothers holding tight on to their kids."

It was disclosed yesterday that James's body may have been left on the railway line early on Sunday. A train driver had come forward to say he had seen "something" on the track at about 7.30am.

The body was found by children, James Riley, 14, and his brother Terence of Abingdon Road, Walton, Liverpool, were with friends David Beckett and Stephen Gunnian when they saw the body yesterday on a railway embankment near Walton Lane police station.



James Bulger: led away to his death by stranger

Still badly shaken by the discovery, James told how the friends first thought they had spotted a cat. "Then one of us said 'No, it's a baby', and as we got nearer we could see it was a little boy.

"It was horrible. It was just terrible." He said the boys raced to the nearby police station to raise the alarm.

Police are trying to reconstruct what happened to the boy from the last sighting of him near an enclosed reservoir. They said: "We still do not know if he came into anybody else's hands. There is no apparent motive as yet. There is no evidence of a theft or a robbery and there is no evidence of a sexual motive."

Det Supt Albert Kirby said the police officers had been overwhelmed with the response from the public hoping to help with the murder enquiry and he appealed for the parents of the two boys seen in the security video to come forward. He said: "In my experience nobody can bear the responsibility of a child's death. The two boys could be completely innocent. They may have taken him out of stupidity.

"There must be somebody somewhere who knows the identity of the boys seen with James and I appeal for them to come forward. Anyone with information should come forward and let us decide how crucial their evidence is to the enquiry," he said.

It is 20 years since there was a similar murder in Liverpool, a city which has more than its share of social problems but which retains a strong tradition of caring within the family. It was in 1973 that a two-year-old boy was found lying dead in a puddle yards from his home. The next day two 11-year-old boys were arrested for his murder.

Liverpool crown court later was told how one of the boys had accidentally hit the youngster on the head with a brick. He had then panicked and drowned him. That death put the same sense of fear and revulsion through the community now felt by the people of Bootle.

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TONY HALL

Grim search: police combing the railway track where James Bulger's body was found examine an item of clothing lying by the rails



Badly shaken: from left, Stephen Gunnian with James and Terence Riley

Bad quality video film may hinder police hunt

By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

THE police are unlikely to learn any more from the close circuit television video footage showing two youths leading James Bulger from the Strand shopping centre in Bootle.

Engineers at some of Britain's leading surveillance equipment companies and experts on photographic forensic evidence said the images, captured on Friday, were "absolutely appalling" and beyond computer enhancement.

Simon Shaw of Quadrant Research in Sheffield, a company specialising in closed circuit systems and techniques of image improvement, said: "We had a look at these shopping mall pictures and decided not offer help because the tape was so poor."

Jeff Berg, technical manager at Dedicated Micros in Manchester which makes surveillance equipment, said maintenance of the system appeared to be the main problem. "We find the main let down of an CCTV system is the quality of the video recorder. The problem with many of these centres is they use the same video tape for several months when you cannot use the same tape for more than two to three months," he said.

Dr Leslie Bowie, a researcher with BAe SEMA in Glasgow, said the footage highlighted a general concern over the clarity of CCTV systems used by banks, buildings societies and shops.

Superintendent Ray Starkey of the West Midlands Police and a member of the Association of Chief Police Officers working group on facial identification, said identification of suspects was only possible in 20 to 40 per cent of cases where CCTV had been obtained and that even these were of such poor quality they were difficult to use in court.

Many of the cameras, as appears to be the case in the Strand, are sited too high or fitted with wide-angled lenses which make it almost impossible to capture a suspect's facial features.

Killer rapist who sipped champagne jailed for life

By a Staff Reporter

A MAN who sipped champagne after raping and murdering a woman at a Surrey railway station was jailed for life at the Old Bailey yesterday.

Ian Russell, 21, who had been released from jail three days before murdering Manzula Amlani, 43, at Bagshot station, later re-enacted his crime for his girl friend's 14-year-old son.

Judge Kenneth Richardson QC sentenced Russell to ten years for rape, to run concurrently with the murder sentence. "It was a foul and savage murder," he said. "Because of you, a defenceless lady living a quiet and industrious life met her death."

Mrs Amlani, who had moved from Kenya to Britain four years ago, had interrupted a week's holiday to attend a course at her office to improve her skills. She had stayed behind afterwards to help clear things away before catching the 6.41pm train from Camberley to Bagshot, an hour later than usual. According to her brother, she had prayed for her safety every night as she walked down the badly lit track alongside the railway line where Russell struck.

Russell had been released from prison after serving an 18-month sentence for burglary, criminal damage and possessing LSD. He raped Mrs Amlani, stabbed her six times and slit her throat.

Aftr the attack, he returned to the home in Bagshot Green of his girl friend Margaret McAvoy, who was in hospital, and her son Stuart, 14, sharing a bottle of champagne with a friend and going by taxi to a night-club.

In the cab he was noticeably quiet when the driver mentioned the murder and at the club he stood overlooking the balcony without speaking to anyone.

Two days later he re-enacted the killing in front of Stuart after smoking cannabis. He had taken the boy to see his mother in hospital and as they returned along the alleyway where his victim had died he said: "Looks like she's been dragged."

At home later he told the boy: "It's a bit out of order to go up to someone and stab them in the cheek and then slice their throat."

He re-enacted what had happened to his victim, stabbing at Stuart with his thumbs and knuckles, twice to the boy's chest, before making a cutting movement to his throat. Mrs Amlani's handbag was found in the garden of Russell's home and her business card under floorboards in his bedroom.

Boys raped girl, 11, court told

TWO boys aged 15 raped an 11-year-old girl after dragging her from a swing in a playing field, Preston Crown Court was told yesterday.

They then allegedly told the terrified girl: "We're 15 now and we can't get done. If you tell anyone we'll come and get you again."

Giving evidence through a video link, the victim, who had just left primary school at the time and was due to go to secondary school, wept as she recalled the alleged ordeal: "Afterwards I felt dirty, sick and had stomach-ache. I had nightmares and was wetting the bed.", she told the court.

The boys, now aged 16, deny raping the girl between July 1 and 30, 1991.

The court was told that the girl only told her mother of the attack a month later.

She said she was trying on her new school uniform and her mother noticed she was getting "podgy". Believing she was pregnant, the girl then told her mother about the rape.

It was alleged one of the boys raped the girl on the Blackpool playing field while the other held her arms behind her back.

Tim White, for the prosecution, said the girl, now aged 12, had gone to a friend's house but she was not in and went to play on a swing.

After playing on the swing for about five minutes, one of the boys grabbed her arms and dragged her away, while the other followed.

"The prosecution say that the boys had clearly agreed between themselves what was going to happen and both were willing parties," Mr White said.

Under cross-examination, the girl rejected the suggestion that the rape never took place. She told Simon Newall, defending one boy: "It did happen. You weren't there, it did."

Questioned by David Sumner, for the second defendant, the girl said that the rape took place while she was standing up with one of the accused holding her arms behind her back.

The hearing was adjourned to today.

Roy of the Rovers sent off

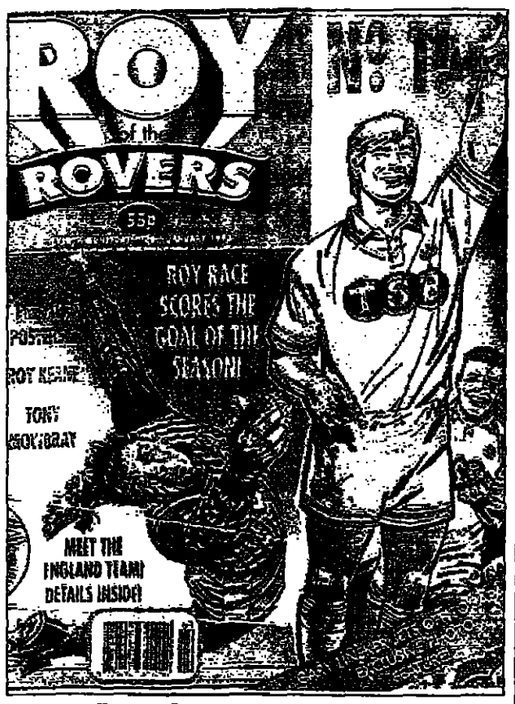
By James Landale

THE comic *Roy of the Rovers*, home of Roy Race, schoolboy hero and footballer extraordinaire, is to fold. After years of injury time, the final whistle has been blown.

When Melchester Rovers FC play in the final March 20 issue, Roy, the club's player-manager, will suffer, albeit off the pitch, "a tragic accident which will signal the end of his incredible, action-packed career as Britain's greatest goal-scoring hero". Rumours of his demise have often been exaggerated, but this time no last-minute shot will save the day.

Roy, who won fame in 1954 when he signed with *Tiger* comic, founded his own magazine in 1976. Circulation, once 200,000, is now 30,000, and Chris Power, of Fleetway Editions, says that it is no longer viable. "We are very, very sad," he said.

Hopes remain that Roy may return, perhaps with his teenage son, Rocky, to the fore, or perhaps to manage England. "He will," Mr Power said, "always be available if his country needs him."



Farewell wave: Roy Race's magazine is to close

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Nurse denies killing ward babies with insulin injections

BY IAN MURRAY

A "CHILLING pattern" of death among the patients in children's ward 4 of Grantham and Kesteven General Hospital was described in Nottingham Crown Court yesterday when a nurse, Beverley Allitt, 23, pleaded not guilty to four charges of murder, 11 of attempted murder and 11 of causing grievous bodily harm.

All but four of the charges related to children and babies being treated at the hospital between February and April 1991, when she worked on the children's ward.

John Goldring QC, for the prosecution, told the five women and seven men on the jury that in March 1991 police were called to investigate a series of mysterious collapses and deaths among children at the ward. "Incredible though it might seem, there was a criminal at large in ward 4," he said.

He produced coloured diagrams charting how the deaths and emergency incidents had occurred while different nurses were rostered to work on the ward. "There was only one link between the collapses," he said. "There was no suspicious collapse when the defendant was not on duty. Only one person was on duty for all of these and she is in the dock."

Mr Goldring said that the series of incidents began only days after Allitt was told she must gain experience nursing very sick children before she could apply for a job she wanted as a special care nurse. She had only just qualified and had been given a temporary job on the ward where she had trained, and where she hoped to gain the necessary experience.



Beverley Allitt: no obvious motive

Police had been called in after a blood sample taken from a four-month-old boy was found to contain a massive amount of insulin. The insulin must have been injected by someone who knew what they were doing, who had access to insulin and hypodermic needles and who would not arouse suspicion. "Nurses are not expected to assault their patients," he said.

The four deaths and 11 collapses followed the same pattern, he said. "We cannot say in each case exactly what she did to each child. In some cases she injected them with insulin. In others she injected some other drug or mixture of drugs available to her. In some cases she might just have pressed her hand over the face of the infant or interfered with the oxygen supply with dire consequences."

He said there was no obvious motive but told the jury: "If you are satisfied she did it, you must convict, even if you are baffled as to why."

Mr Goldring said the case which attracted the suspicions of police involved Paul Crampton, a four-month-old baby who was not seriously ill when he was bought into the hospital and was on the point of being sent home when Allitt came on duty. As in the other cases the boy became seriously ill and was found to be suffering from hypoglycaemia, a condition of acute sugar deficiency which can be brought on by an overdose of insulin.

The boy had been transferred to a hospital in Nottingham and had survived. Allitt had asked to go with him in the ambulance. "She enjoyed the drama of accompanying sick children," he said.

The case is expected to last three months with one month being taken up by expert medical evidence. The defence will also take a month.



Below zero: British troops have trained in freezing temperatures for years

Marines die in Arctic training survival tent

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AN INVESTIGATION was launched yesterday into the deaths of two young Royal Marines found dead inside a fume-filled tent during an Arctic warfare training exercise in southern Norway. A third marine was found unconscious but survived.

Another marine died taking part in the same winter exercise last week. The three deaths were acknowledged to be "extremely rare".

The two latest casualties were named as Marine Phillip Yates, 22, from Norfolk, and Marine William Reed, 19, from Tyne and Wear. Both were single and attached to Zulu company, 45 Commando.

When fellow marines found them yesterday morning on the last day of their winter exercise in Valdres valley, the small tent was filled with fumes from a Primus stove which uses naphtha, a petrol derivative.

All the marines are used to cooking and brewing tea on the stoves but it is thought they may have been overcome by fumes.

In last week's fatal accident, Warrant Officer Andrew Forret, 35, died of carbon monoxide poisoning while sitting in a stationary "snowmobile" vehicle. The NCO from 45 Commando Group based in Arbroath, Tayside, left a wife and a child. An investigation is continuing into the circumstances behind his death.

The marines who go to Norway every winter endure harsh Arctic conditions and often have to sleep in holes dug out of the snow. But the marines who died yesterday were protected from the cold by their survival tents, and a spokesman for the marines said: "The weather conditions were not adverse."

The marines involved in the two incidents were among 2,000 members of the Plymouth-based 3 Commando Brigade who are taking part in the winter deployment.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, who began a visit to Norway yesterday and will be seeing the commandos on exercise, said: "It is a tragic incident, one of enormous sadness."

The men in yesterday's incident were taken by helicopter to Gjovik hospital in southern Norway but were found to be dead on arrival. The third marine was said to be in a stable condition.

A spokesman for the defence ministry said: "There will be a full and thorough investigation into the circumstances."

An inquest is to be held in Norway into the deaths of the two marines. The defence ministry said that exposure was not the cause of death in this incident.

Although deaths are rare during commando exercises, there have been fatal accidents in the past, usually involving marines who have died of hypothermia in extreme weather conditions.

Ludovic Kennedy confuses hunt trail

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

FIELD sports enthusiasts were thrown off the scent yesterday when the celebrity chosen to present the case for hunting with hounds in a new national publicity campaign was disclosed to be an opponent of stag hunting.

Ludovic Kennedy, the writer and broadcaster, narrates a video extolling the merits of fox-hunting for the British Field Sports Society. He defends fox-hunting as the "surest and least cruel way" of controlling the number of foxes, animals which he says differ from most others in killing "just for the fun of it".

Mr Kennedy, who went to ground yesterday, apparently omitted to tell the campaign organisers he is opposed to stag hunting and hare coursing, though he does not advocate a ban. He believes that stags can be culled most humanely by marksmen.

Bill Andrewes, chairman of the Campaign for Hunting, said: "I was not aware of Mr Kennedy's views on stag hunting ... but had I known it would have made no difference. He was chosen because he is a man of impeccable integrity who lends credibility to our campaign."

In the video, Mr Kennedy says foxes either escape unscathed or are killed instantly by the hounds whereas other forms of culling, such as gassing, snaring and shooting, run the risk of condemning the animal to a lingering death.

Jim Barrington, of the League Against Cruel Sports, dismissed the video as a "picture postcard view" of hunting.

Sellafield leak 'did not exceed safety limits'

BY NIGEL HAWKES AND JONATHAN PRYNN

A LEAK at the Sellafield reprocessing plant in Cumbria last Thursday was serious but did not exceed radiation safety limits, David Maclean, the junior environment minister, told the Commons yesterday. An investigation into the circumstances is to be held by the pollution inspectorate.

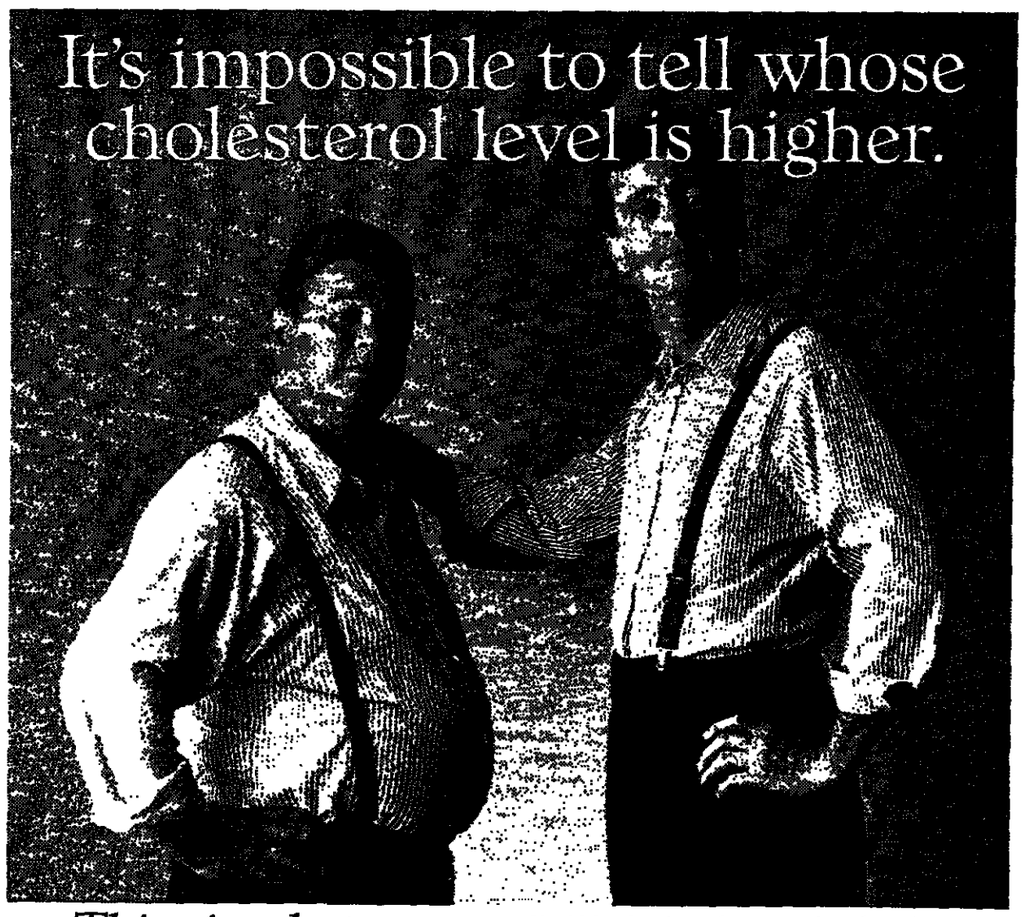
He was answering an emergency question from Dr Jack Cunningham, MP for the area, who complained that he visited the plant on Thursday and Friday but had been told nothing of the leak. British Nuclear Fuels, which runs the plant, said yesterday that the radioactivity had escaped from a chimney attached to a building called B204. The chimney also serves an adjoining building, B203, an old plutonium purification plant closed for the past decade, which was undergoing decommissioning when the leak occurred.

The total release, which began on Thursday and continued into Friday, amounted to 1,000 mega becquerels of radioactivity, some four times the total amount released by the same chimney during the whole of 1991. BNFL and the minister said that this was well within the limits set for the chimney, which are 4,300 mega becquerels a year, and said that it had no health implications for staff or the public. The total quantity of plutonium, americium and uranium released was one gramme, an environment department spokesman said.

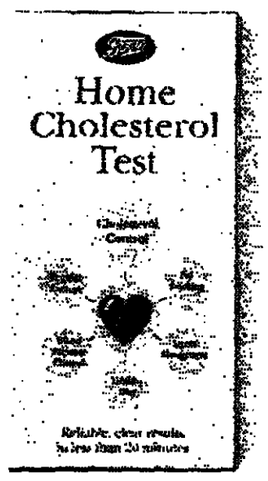
Environmentalists were unimpressed by the assurances. "To release a quarter of the annual discharge in two days makes this a serious incident, the latest in a long catalogue of accidents at Sellafield," Bridget Woodman of Greenpeace said.

Dr Patrick Green of Friends of the Earth pointed out that although the discharge did not exceed existing limits, it was greater than new limits proposed by the pollution inspectorate as conditions for opening the new thermal oxide reprocessing plant at Sellafield.

Dr Cunningham said the amount of the discharge and BNFL's delay in making the announcement were "totally unacceptable". He and Dr Lewis Moonie, the Labour science and technology spokesman, were at the plant during the incident and had not been informed. The behaviour of BNFL's management did "nothing to increase the public's confidence in the way it discharged its responsibilities", Dr Cunningham said.



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Six-week trial recaptured mood of the City during the eighties takeover boom

Ward acquittal marks final chapter of Guinness epic

BY JON ASHWORTH

■ The American lawyer at the heart of Guinness's £2.6 billion bid for rival group Distillers has been cleared of theft

THE trial of Thomas Ward, the final chapter in the Guinness affair, captured the mood of the City at the height of the eighties takeover boom.

For six weeks, the jury relived the events of early 1986 when Guinness took on Argyll in the battle for Distillers. Jurors heard of a Christmas skiing trip to Switzerland in 1985 when Mr Ward dreamed up the merger agreement under which Distillers would reimburse Guinness if its counter-bid failed.

They were told that Mr Ward was called back from Heathrow airport in February 1986 after the bid was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, and of his "crucial" role in the negotiations that followed.

Evidence told of a complex web of transactions in which £5.2 million was paid to an account in Jersey and £3 million plus interest found its way into Ernest Saunders' Swiss bank account. At times the trial resembled *This Is Your Life*, as Andrew Trollope QC wheeled out a catholic priest, a retired army colonel and a flamboyant Beverly Hills lawyer, among others, to sing Mr Ward's praises.

Raphael Pagan, a Korean army veteran who rose to the rank of colonel, described Mr Ward as very honourable. John Ridyard, a former cargo pilot who was a missionary in Africa for 17 years, spoke of Mr Ward's generosity. "I would trust him with anything that I have," he said.

The star was undoubtedly William Dwyer II, a Californian lawyer who drank champagne with Mr Saunders and Mr Ward when Guinness was cleared to bid again for Distillers. A jubilant Mr Saunders had told him: "Money talks, Will, and I've sort of got my man here in Ward." Mr Dwyer said contracts were often struck without putting anything on paper. "It's a handshake," he said.

Michael Grow, who succeeded Mr Ward as senior partner of Ward Lazarus, Grow & Cihlar in 1985, spoke of his colleague's skill at tackling complex legal cases, generating immense fees.

Mr Ward crept into British headlines in January 1987 when Guinness asked him to resign as a non-executive director — a request he resisted for five months. There were whispers of an apartment in the Watergate complex in Washington, a present, it was claimed, for his work on the Distillers bid.

But it was the claim, three months later, that Mr Ward had been paid £5.2 million for his work on the bid which thrust the Washington lawyer into the limelight. The sum became public after Guinness began legal steps against Marketing and Acquisition Consultants (MAC), a Jersey company owned by Mr Ward, which had billed the brewing group for £5.2 million.

In a submission to the Royal Court of Jersey, MAC said the figure was "fair and appropriate". Guinness said no service had been rendered by MAC to justify such a fee.

On March 20, Guinness issued a writ claiming £5.2 million from Mr Ward and Mr Saunders, who had stepped down as chairman and chief executive six weeks after the trade department began investigating the Distillers takeover. In April the High Court ruled that the payment was unlawful. Mr Ward resigned in May.

In July the High Court ruled that Mr Ward was "wrongfully in possession" of money that belonged to the brewing group. He was ordered to repay £5.2 million plus nearly £700,000 in interest, on top of Guinness's legal costs. In March 1988 a warrant was issued in London for Mr Ward's arrest. The following month Mr Ward went to the Appeal Court in an attempt to overturn the earlier ruling. The ruling was upheld.

In August Guinness announced that it had paid an additional $600,000 to Ward Lazarus, Grow & Cihlar in return for legal documents. Guinness had frozen $1.5 million owed to Ward Lazarus when proceedings commenced. The final settlement reached $1.1 million. It also emerged that Guinness had agreed to pay Mr Ward about $60,000 compensation for the Watergate apartment.

In October 1988, Mr Ward was given leave to appeal to the Lords against the ruling that he should repay the £5.2 million. A year later he was arrested and extradition proceedings began. In February 1990 the Lords ruled that Guinness was entitled to repayment of the £5.2 million. In August the Baltimore District Court of Maryland rejected Mr Ward's claim that the money was a legitimate fee.

As the first Guinness trial dominated headlines, Mr Ward continued to fight extradition but in June 1991 he abandoned his fight and agreed to return to stand trial.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Cleared: Thomas Ward makes his point as he leaves the Central Criminal Court after his acquittal yesterday

From executive suites to cells and back again

BY ANGELA MACKAY

WHEN Ernest Saunders joined Guinness as chief executive in 1981, he found a company that was directionless and debilitated by eccentric investments ranging from snake farming to the manufacture of plastic potties.

He had been approached by the Earl of Iveagh, head of the family and chairman of Guinness for more than 20 years, and told to inject vigour, stimulate growth and restore the name of the once great dynastic company to the first rank. Lord Iveagh was not disappointed.

Profits climbed along with the share price as Mr Saunders streamlined the group, stripping it back to its core business as a drinks group, and reinforced this by successfully bidding for Bell's whisky in 1986.

This deal, however, was a dress rehearsal for a huge enterprise on which Mr Saunders and his friends in the City had set their sights in 1986 — the £2.6 billion takeover of Distillers, a rival drinks group already the subject of a £1.87 billion offer from Argyll, the supermarket group.

The secret actions of Mr Saunders's friends and advisers in supporting the Guinness share price and their subsequent rewards became the subjects of an enquiry by the department of trade and three court cases.

Only the first trial resulted in convictions for the Serious Fraud Office.

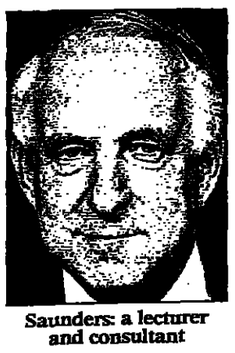
Of the four who were convicted in August 1990, none is still in prison. Ernest Saunders's five-year jail term at Ford open prison for theft, false accounting and conspiracy was halved on appeal, but he was released after ten months apparently suffering from pre-senile dementia, which he has shaken off.

Mr Saunders, 58, is working as a lecturer on City *mores* and as a consultant. He divides his time between London and Switzerland, and recently received a tax-free lump sum of about £150,000 from Guinness as part of a pensions deal.

Gerald Ronson, 53, the multi-millionaire head of the Heron property group, went back to his desk after serving six months of a one-year sentence for his part in the share support scheme. He, like many in commercial property, has suffered a partial reversal of fortune and his banks are restructuring his £1.5 billion debt. Mr Ronson also returned promptly to public life.

Tony Parnes, 45, the stockbroker who helped to pull together the coterie of financiers to help Guinness, left Ford after serving 11 months of a two-and-a-half year sentence for theft and false accounting. Parnes's friends say he is still deal-spotting for a few select clients.

The fourth man in the first trial was Jack Lyons, 76, businessman and philanthropist. He lost his knighthood as a result of his conviction. Infirmity meant Mr Lyons did not go to prison, but he paid a £3 million fine in addition to his legal fees after being convicted of theft, false accounting and conspiracy. Mr Lyons has retired.



Saunders: a lecturer and consultant

He had introduced Bain & Co, a firm of American-based consultants, to Guinness to advise Mr Saunders. Olivier Roux, a partner of Bain & Co, was eventually seconded permanently to Guinness as finance director.

Mr Roux, 41, disclosed the details of the complex share support scheme. He was the prosecution's main witness in the first trial and that of Thomas Ward.

Mr Roux is now a partner in another consultancy and management group, Talisman, and has been active in a couple of companies.

The defendants in the second Guinness trial, Roger Seelig and Lord Spens, former merchant banking advisers to Guinness, were acquitted last year after their trial was aborted. Mr Seelig, who suffered a nervous breakdown from the stress of defending himself, was yesterday appointed to the board of a small engineering firm, Norman Hay.

His co-defendant has not been quite so low key. Following his formal acquittal in November, Lord Spens has started proceedings against the Bank of England and is campaigning for the reform of the Serious Fraud Office.

Lord Iveagh died in June 1992, aged 55.

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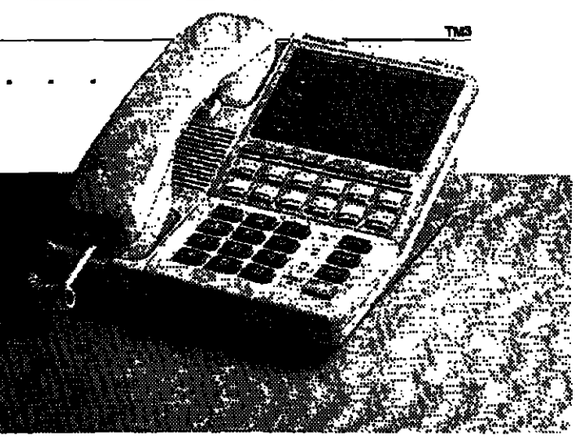
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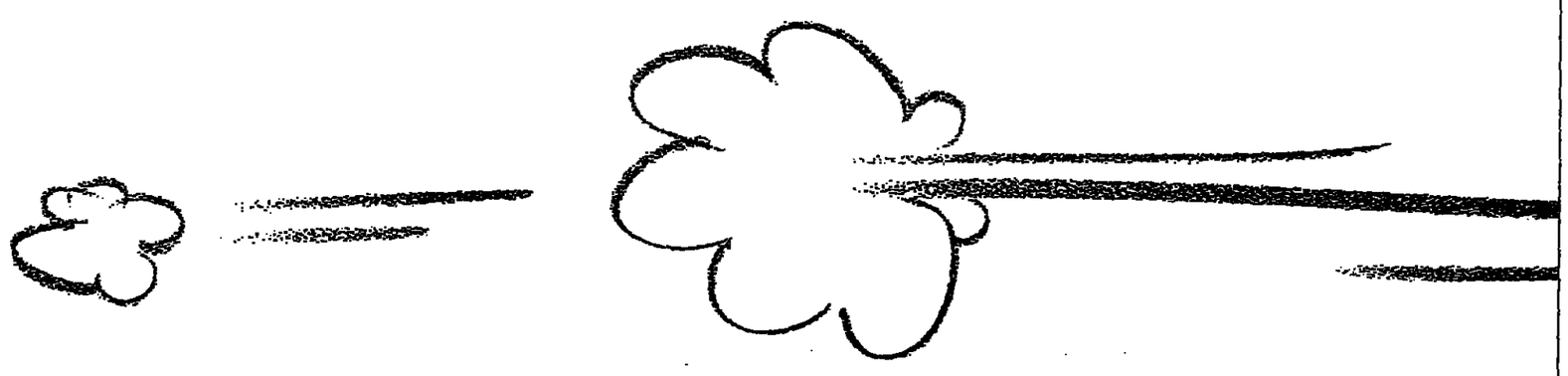
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Habit even more dangerous than feared

Smokers three times more likely to die in middle age

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A 40-YEAR study of smoking among doctors has shown that the habit is even more dangerous than previously supposed.

New results released yesterday show that smokers are three times more likely to die in middle age than non-smokers. The most important difference is a significant increase in lung cancer among the smoking group, but heart disease, bronchitis and emphysema, pneumonia, peptic ulcer and hernia are also increased.

Cirrhosis and suicide are also more common among smokers, but this is linked to the fact that smokers also tend to drink more than non-smokers. The only comfort for smokers is that they are marginally less likely to suffer from Parkinson's Disease.

The figures were announced yesterday by Professor Sir Richard Doll, of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's cancer studies unit at Oxford, at a conference in London to celebrate his eightieth birthday. Together with Professor Sir Austin Bradford Hill, Sir Richard was the first to demonstrate in 1950 that smoking causes lung cancer. In 1951 he began a study of smoking among doctors which is now by far the longest undertaken, and which has provided much of the most convincing evidence of the harmful effects of tobacco.

Sir Richard originally wrote to 60,000 doctors asking for their collaboration in the study and 40,000 replied. Over the years some have disappeared — "One cleared off abroad with his secretary and £10,000 of his partners' money," Sir Richard said — but the subsequent history of nearly 35,000 has been recorded. Of these about 20,000 are dead, enabling mortality statistics to be recorded.

The striking feature of the second 20 years of the study is that the gap between smokers and non-smokers widened. Sir Richard's colleague, Professor Richard Peto, said yesterday: "For many of the diseases caused by tobacco the adverse effects become substantial only after several decades of exposure. In the first 20 years, death rates among smokers was double that of non-smokers. But in the second 20 years, it was triple. Even in their 70s, smokers were dying off twice as fast as non-smokers."

One reason why the gap had widened, Sir Richard said, was that smokers had not benefited from the fall in heart-related deaths that had been seen among non-smokers. The long-term effects of smoking had offset these improvements.

Sir Richard said that he sympathised with inveterate smokers: "Some people are as heavily hooked on cigarettes as they would be on heroin. They want to give up, they try many times, but they fail," he said.

In spite of the health evidence, a third of all teenagers smoke. Sir Richard said that the promotion and advertising of tobacco was immoral. Prohibition of cigarettes would be a mistake, leading to crime. "If people want to kill themselves, they can do so," he said. "But they shouldn't be encouraged to smoke. That is unethical."

They study found that those who stop before the age of 30 appear to suffer no ill-effects.



Sir Richard: "unethical to encourage smokers"



MICHAEL POWELL

Eton's crop: a sculpture *Baboon mother and child* by Bernard Manyandure on its way to a display of work by Zimbabwean stone sculptors on Queen's Eyot, an island on the Thames owned by Eton college

British gain more power in Brussels

BY MICHAEL DYNES
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN has begun a long march on European Community institutions in an attempt to improve its under-representation among Brussels bureaucrats.

Two dozen British graduates have passed the EC's latest recruitment examinations for 248 leading administrative posts — ahead of 20,000 applicants — compared with previous years, when the intake of British officials fell to as little as one.

The improved performance reflects a belated attempt by Whitehall policymakers to boost the number of British administrators in Brussels, where the French and Germans dominate.

The British account for 11.5 per cent of the European Commission's 3,500 bureaucrats, still below the 15 per cent target but well above the 3 per cent at the end of the 1980s. A bid to increase British numbers, known as the European fast stream initiative, was launched by the Cabinet Office in 1991.

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Youngsters use crime to subsist

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

YOUNGSTERS are turning to burglary and theft as a way of dealing with poverty and money difficulties caused by unemployment and the low level of benefits, according to a report published yesterday.

In some areas crime is providing a regular income and its own economy. On certain housing estates young offenders become known as "shoplift suppliers", visiting houses to find out what people want before going to stores to steal the goods.

Jenny Roberts, chairman of the Association of Chief Probation Officers, said: "This survey shows a grim picture of povert; and unemployment, homelessness and lack of opportunity among young offenders who come from a background of dreadful family breakdown".

One man, Neville, aged 23, from Tyneside, said he had begun stealing at 13 because he wanted money to buy things his mother could not afford. "I wanted a motorbike. I couldn't afford to buy one, so I went out and pinched one," he said in the report of a survey of 1,389 young people aged 17 to 23 under probation supervision.

One part of the study that will concern Home Office ministers, who are considering establishing approved school-type accommodation for young offenders aged 12 to 15, is evidence that criminal behaviour often begins when young people go into institutional care.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Police dog inflicted £1m injury

Hampshire police are to pay an expected £1 million, under an out-of-court settlement, to a man who had his feet and a finger amputated after a police alsatian bit him.

Ken Harfield, 53, of Portchester, Hampshire, used to help a neighbour, PC Barry Howard, to train his police dog by letting it track him, but one night in 1983, as he hid motionless, it bit his thigh, although trained to pounce only on moving suspects. Mr Harfield's legs became paralysed, the wound became infected and gangrene developed in his feet and finger.

Mr Harfield will receive, according to his solicitors, a "substantial cash sum and a structured settlement that could well increase the total to more than £1 million".

Nurse jailed

Janet Webster, 28, an agency nurse, of Finchley, north London, was jailed for three months by Southwark Crown Court for stealing £6,660 from a 91-year-old patient by forging her signature on cheques.

Bulb damages

Brett West, 32, of Chorlton cum Hardy, Manchester, who was blinded in one eye when a light bulb shattered as he inserted it, is to receive £25,000 agreed damages from GEC.

Stable attacks

Police yesterday investigated two new serious attacks on horses, at Telford, Shropshire, and at Wythall, Hereford and Worcester.

Italy and US to join Mafia investigation

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

MAFIA experts from Italy and America are to work with British investigators in London after evidence that Sicilian criminals have been expanding operations, including drug trafficking and white-collar crime.

The German police intelligence service at Weisbaden is also concerned at the growing Mafia presence in Germany and has sent an investigator to work full time liaising with British police.

The German agent is based with the organised crime unit within the National Criminal Intelligence Service, which opened in London last year. The agent will be joined in the next few months by the Italian and American specialists.

The Italian decision to send an officer from a state anti-Mafia task force to work in London follows a two-month investigation by the task force last year. On its recommendation a captain from the agency will work in London at the expense of the Italian government. He will be joined by an FBI agent, in addition to the FBI contingent based at the American embassy. She will be an agent from New Jersey with experience in American Mafia operations and union racketeering.

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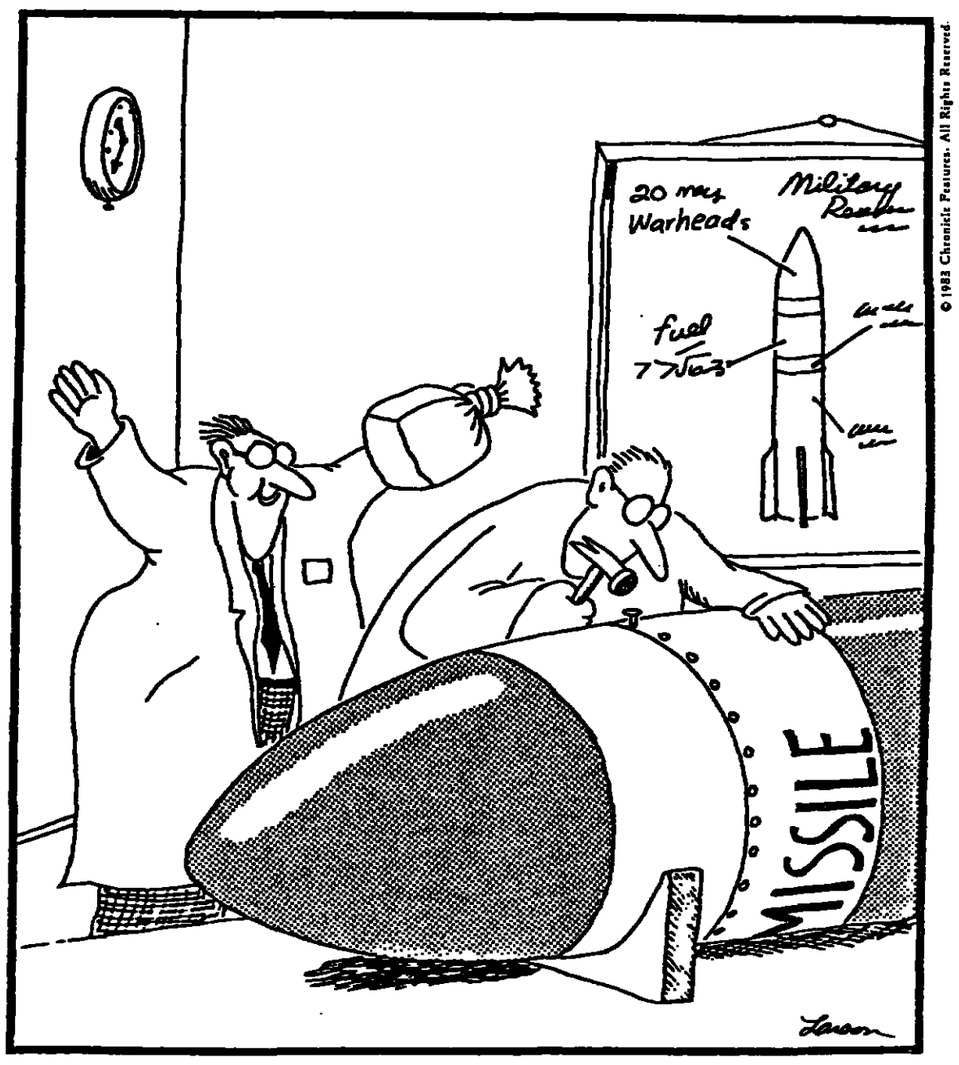
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Regional theatres in peril as councils slash arts spending

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

SOME of the nation's largest and best loved regional theatres risk closure as local authorities propose cuts of more than 50 per cent in spending on the arts.

In what arts organisations are calling the worst financial crisis for many years, many are contemplating redundancies or severe curtailment of artistic programmes. A silent battle is taking place throughout the country as negotiations come to an end between arts groups and local authorities setting budgets for 1993-4 under strict guidelines from the government.

The Sheffield Lyceum, a big venue for touring companies, has had its local authority grant cut by 50 per cent, causing severe restriction of its 1993-4 programme.

The future of the New Victoria Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, is uncertain after the cutting of its grant from £140,000 to £71,000, with the recession hitting box office receipts by about £110,000. In Milton Keynes, the arts budget has been cut by 51 per cent, 90 per cent of the arts department staff have lost their jobs and Buckinghamshire's only youth arts centre, the Madcap Theatre, risks closure at the end of March after removal of its grant.

Stephen Barry, the Sheffield Lyceum chief executive, said that loss of subsidy would mean "narrowing our artistic choices" while "access and quality suffer". He said: "I think it is going to get worse. The concept of nationwide arts provision is falling apart."

Brian Matcham, chief executive of the North West Arts Board, said that a set of factors were conspiring to damage the regional arts fabric. Business sponsorship was down, box office takings were falling and government subsidy via regional arts boards and the Arts Council was declining. "An immense amount of work is falling by the wayside," he said. "There is a lot of brinkmanship at the moment and we are hearing about proposed cuts every day. The exact situation will be clear by the end of March, but it is inevitable that some organisations will fold."

The Arts Council is voicing fears about the drastic cuts contemplated. Because local authority funding of the arts is not a statutory requirement, it is more likely to suffer in the present economic climate, according to Anthony Everitt, its secretary general. The council is known to be seriously concerned at the threat to local arts groups, but has been told by the government to concentrate its spending on national arts companies, many of them based in London.

A heritage department spokesman said that arts spending formed a small part of local authority expenditure. It was up to individual authorities to decide how to distribute their money.

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French law angers boat owners

BY NICHOLAS WATT

BOAT owners are contesting a new French law which requires them to sit examinations in sailing skills. Such tests are not compulsory in Britain.

Anyone who owns or rents a boat in France with an engine of more than 6 hp will have to hold a sea "driving licence" to sail within five miles of a French harbour or face a ban. The Royal Yachting Association says the tests are absurd and will ask the French to accept a voluntary British examination instead.

Until now Britons and other foreigners have been exempt from the French licence, known as a *carte mer*. Bluewater voyages and offshore racing will be covered with a new *permis mer*. Britons who pass the examinations will be awarded only "certificates of competence" because they are not French citizens.

Robin Sjoberg, the association's cruising secretary, said: "When the Dutch tried to introduce an exam in Dutch, we successfully negotiated with them to accept British qualifications."

Britain does not require a licence. The association says that its voluntary training courses are a more effective way to ensure safety at sea than formal examinations. Mr Sjoberg said: "Last year 100,000 people took RYA courses voluntarily. If a compulsory test is introduced, people will take that and nothing else. We believe in education rather than legislation."

The French say they are tired of British tourists cluttering up Mediterranean resorts every summer with powerful boats they barely know how to operate. Last year a British property developer was convicted in France of manslaughter after his powerboat overturned a rubber "ski bus" in Antibes in August 1988, killing a passenger. In another case a powerboat careered out of control round a harbour when a boy tampered with the controls after a couple had left the boat unattended.

Homework centres pay off

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION REPORTER

A NETWORK of homework centres for children from inner cities will be recommended by a report for The Prince's Trust. It follows research which shows pilot schemes significantly improved pupils' examination results.

The centres provide young people from overcrowded or unsupportive homes with space and time for private study and homework. They open after school in community centres, churches or schools.

The report, which is expected to be published in the early summer, will hail the centres as perhaps the most important initiative for helping low-achievers in 20 years. It will be presented to the Prince of Wales, the charity's president, and John Patten, the education secretary.

Both are anxious to explore new ways to improve education in deprived areas. The prince, in a speech on Saturday at Williamsburg, Virginia, said that too many young people left school unable to spell or express themselves and attacked the "misguided" elitism of those who said children from poorer backgrounds should not be made to study classic literature.

The report evaluated ten projects in London, Belfast, Liverpool, Bradford and Strathclyde set up since 1990 to help young people with out-of-school study.

It found pupils gained self-discipline and confidence and enjoyed being able to do their homework in small groups, with help on hand from supervisors. Teachers were surprised by the rapid progress in children's work and a general improvement in classroom relations.

John MacBeath, director of the quality in education unit at Strathclyde University who is the report's author, said that the centres taught pupils to learn independently, a skill rarely encouraged in schools, yet the most important factor behind a person's eventual success or failure in life.

The way it isn't

CRAIG BROWN



IN THE Sunday papers, there were personal advertisements to and from hamsters, gerbils, rhinos, elephants, tigers, tiggers, hobbits, pooky bears, buzzy bees, piglets, chimps and tweetie pies. But by far the largest group represented were the rabbits (incorporating Bunnies, Bunnikins, Fluffybuns, Wabbits, Fluff, Peter Rabbit, etc, etc).

Why rabbits? One of the most memorable aspects of the trial of Jeremy Thorpe was the enigmatic letter he had written to Norman Scott (née Josiffe) saying "Bunnies *can* and *will* go to France". Other Bunnies include the fashion designer Bunny Rogers, who enjoyed nothing so much as riding around with his brother in a chauffeur-driven car, each sitting under his own mink stole inscribed "Hers".

But rabbits and bunnies are also tell-tale signs of a professional tennis player. The Australian tennis star Wendy Turnbull is known as Rabbit because she tends to scamper around the court, while both Elizabeth Ryan, who won no fewer than 19 Wimbledon titles, and the British lawn-tennis star Henry Austen were known as Bunny.

The third category of Bunnies would appear to be musicians, including the American jazz trumpeter Rowland Bernard ("Bunny") Berigan and Johnny "Rabbit" Hodges, who played with Duke Ellington. There is also Eddie Rabbitt, who reached number 53 in the charts in 1981 with his song "I Love a Rainy Night", but as far as I can establish Rabbitt was his real name.

Tennis star, homosexual or musician? I ask because my wife has started calling our two-year-old boy "Bunny", and it is nice to know these things in advance.

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The Bodleian's success in securing Harold Wilson's private documents highlights archive rivalries

Libraries chase paper revelations that tell the story of our age

By Andrew Lycett

HAROLD Wilson's private papers will go to the Bodleian Library in Oxford this month as an important new resource for historians.

Their move will follow the Cabinet Office giving final go-ahead for the publication of Lord Wilson's official biography to Philip Ziegler, the historian who has had exclusive use of the former prime minister's papers in recent years.

The papers will first be screened by the Cabinet Office before being catalogued and made available to the public at the Bodleian.

Lord Wilson is one of several recent politicians to have found a secure home for their papers. Lord Howe, the former Conservative Chancellor and foreign secretary, will also send his papers to the Bodleian when he completes his memoirs, which are due for publication later this year. Neil Kinnock, the former Labour leader, is donating his papers to Churchill College, Cambridge, while Sir David Steel, the esrtwhile Liberal leader, has deposited his at the London School of Economics.

Baroness Thatcher, who publishes the first volume of her memoirs this autumn, has yet to decide where her private papers are going. Her visit earlier this month to the Reagan Library, the purpose-built archive for former US President Ronald Reagan in California, suggests she may become the first British politician to establish her own presidential-style historical centre. With two volumes of memoirs in the pipeline, Lady Thatcher envisages using her papers for another "seven to ten" years.

Libraries and archivists are increasingly in competition for important papers. The former Labour minister Tony Benn is assessing offers from the British Library, the Bodleian, the Modern Records Centre at Warwick and the National Museum of Labour History in Manchester for his vast personal archive, including his 12 million word diary.

Stephen Bird, archivist at the National Museum of Labour History, cannot hide his annoyance that Mr Kinnock is sending his papers to Churchill College. The National Museum holds papers of Mr Kinnock's predecessor, Michael Foot, as well as housing the Labour party's own archive, which has a 15-year closure.

Today's politicians deposit their papers much sooner than their predecessors. Mary Clapinson, keeper of Western manuscripts at the Bodleian, attributes this to the combined effects of smaller houses and families, and relentless pressure from research students.

> 'Archivists increasingly find themselves sitting on sensitive minsterial material or personal comments'

As a result, archivists increasingly find themselves sitting on sensitive material: either ministerial documents, accumulated by the donor during his or her term in office and otherwise unavailable in the Public Record Office, or personal comments, which might cause offence to living individuals.

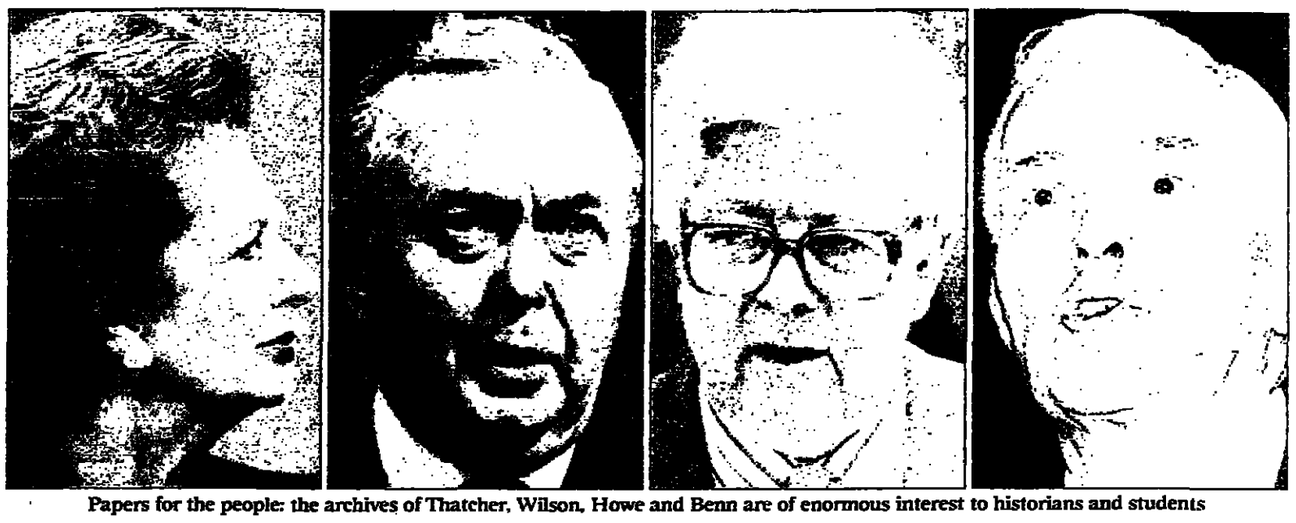
While working on his biography of Hugh Dalton, the former Labour Chancellor, Professor Ben Pimlott of Birkbeck College, London, came across closed material in the PRO. He was advised that if he wrote nicely to the Cabinet Office, he might be able to see these documents, but he was sent back copies of pages in Dalton's diaries which he had already read in the LSE.

Correlli Barnett, keeper of the Churchill Archives Centre at Churchill College, tries to stick to the PRO's 30-year rule for closure. If he considers material still to be sensitive after this period, he consults the Cabinet Office or appropriate ministry.

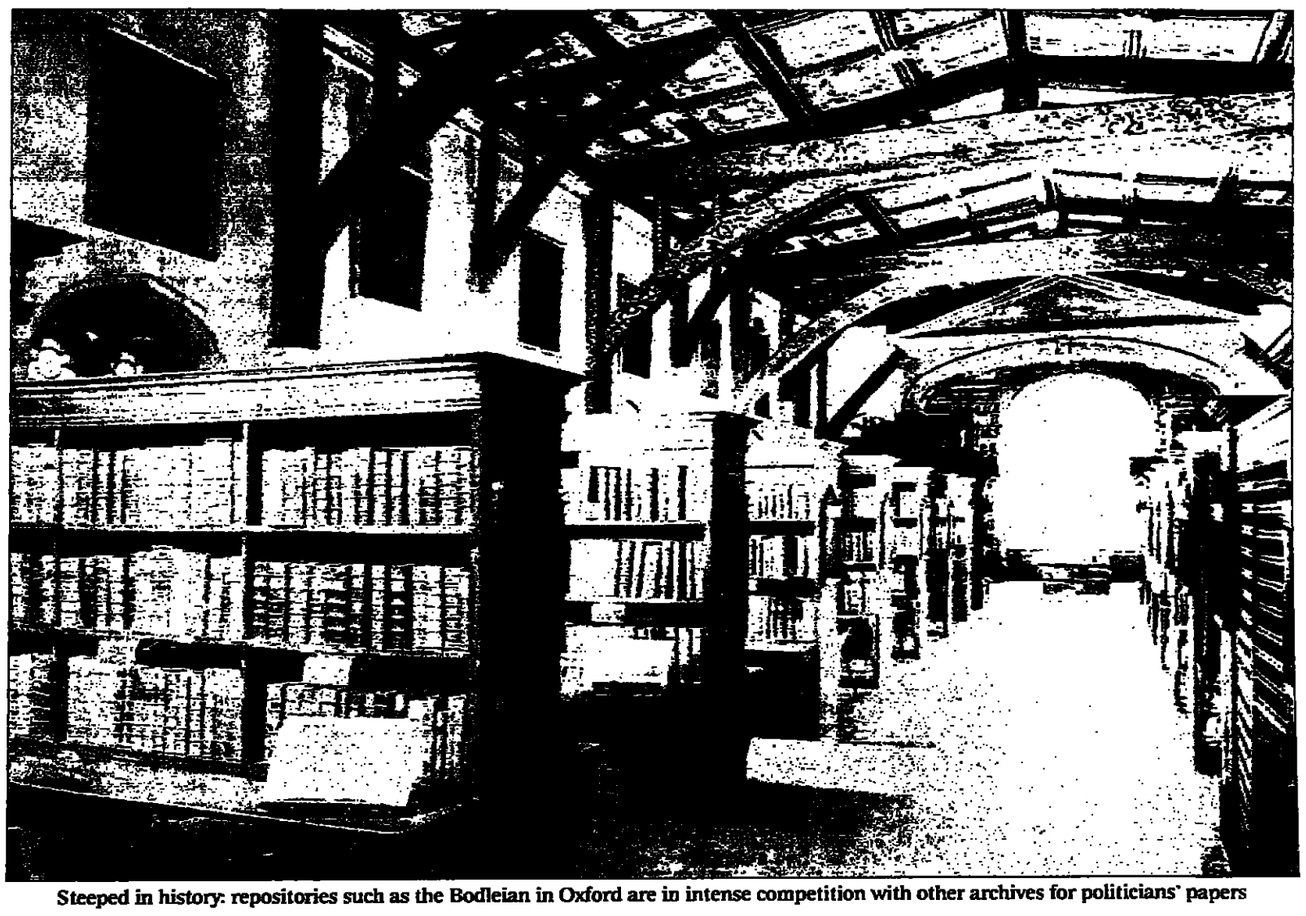
Dr Angela Raspin of the LSE holds back files such as child abuse cases in constituency letters. But many historians think an archivist has no business to censor.

Archivists' caution stems from their desire to allay the fears of potential donors. Usually they agree conditions of access with a donor's family. For example, Sir David Steel's papers cannot be read for 20 years after they were written. Those of Hugh Gaitskell, the former Labour leader, at University College London, were to be opened this year, 30 years after his death, but remain closed.

Among other recent prime ministers, James Callaghan's papers will go to either the LSE or Bodleian as soon as Kenneth Morgan finishes his official biography. Sir Edward Heath has not yet identified an archive for his papers. Sir Anthony Eden's are with Neville Chamberlain's at the University of Birmingham, Harold Macmillan's are in a cottage in the grounds of his Sussex home, while Sir Alec Douglas-Home's potentially fascinating archive remains in his Berwickshire house in the hands of D. R. Thorpe, his biographer.



Papers for the people: the archives of Thatcher, Wilson, Howe and Benn are of enormous interest to historians and students



Steeped in history: repositories such as the Bodleian in Oxford are in intense competition with other archives for politicians' papers



Major gives thinkers food for thought

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major's other recession seems to be lifting. As the economy shows signs of life after the mini ice-age of the ERM, so a thaw is setting in around the free-market think tanks of the Thatcher era.

The last couple of years have been a lean time for the intellectual shock troops of the right. After the fall of their heroine, whose temperament always favoured the unthinkable even if it had to be discarded eventually on pragmatic grounds, their energies have been largely dissipated in internal wrangling.

The prime minister himself has proved the key catalyst with his Carlton Club speech, toying with workfare and heralding a fundamental reappraisal of public spending.

As Michael Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary and leading light of the Thatcherite No Turning Back group, opens negotiations with ministers responsible for the lion's share of the state's annual £250 billion budget, think-tank chiefs are dusting off controversial old ideas and plotting new ones.

Dr David Green, head of the Institute of Economic Affairs health and welfare unit, wants to put private health insurance, the social and economic costs of family breakdown and private provision of pensions, sick-pay and education back on the political agenda. He admits it has been an uphill struggle for the last couple of years.

"There has been a barren period in which there were no real ideas or new departures. Partly, it was because Thatcherism was felt to be an unkind creed and the alternative needed to be Thatcherism with a human face. That was defined as meaning that the welfare state must remain intact in all its aspects.

"Now the mood has changed, partly because of Labour's commission on social justice ... and partly because the government is facing this terrible fiscal problem which it cannot remedy without strategic decisions. The fiscal position combined with the readiness of more people to take responsibility for their own welfare ... means that there is now not only a political hearing but a ready body of support in the community for radical change.

"Although there was only that one speech from the prime minister, the indications from off-the-record meetings with other ministers are that they know they have to do something dramatic. They also know that the Opposition is going to attack them anyway, and it is as well to be be attacked for being too radical as for not having any ideas."

At the Centre for Policy Studies Dr Gerald Frost, the director of studies, also believes that ideas are again at a premium. He too wants to see the private sector and voluntary bodies taking over activities that traditionally have been the state's preserve.

Dr Madsen Pirie, president of the Adam Smith Institute, is preparing for a conference on Thursday devoted to workfare, opting out of the state pension, Post Office privatisation and road-pricing. During the Thatcher era, he famously boasted that of 660 proposals put up by the institute, about 220 had been taken up by the government.

Just as the second Thatcher government "re-radicalised" itself in the dark days of the Westland crisis and went on to produce a manifesto bursting with new ideas in 1987, so he believes the Major government is embarking on a new phase in its market-led crusade.

Graham Mather, the former IEA chief who now heads the cross-party European Policy Forum, shares his rivals' enthusiasm if not their agenda. "Think tanks were born out of crisis and come into their own during in a crisis," he says.

PETER TRIEVNOR



Business big guns: Michael Howard, right, the environment secretary, with Sir Allen Sheppard, chairman and chief executive of Grand Metropolitan, on board HMS Belfast yesterday for the first meeting of the London Forum. The group brings together business leaders with the aim of promoting the city abroad

Government warned off

IAN Lang, the Scottish secretary, yesterday warned his own government not to let politics influence economic decisions of extreme importance to Scotland's future (Gillian Bowditch writes).

Mr Lang, who is fighting other members of the cabinet over the future of the Rosyth royal dockyards, denounced those who would "pass over the true long-term economic interests of Scotland in favour of more immediate political pressures".

In a speech to the University of Edinburgh's politics society, Mr Lang said: "The problems endured by the Scottish economy in the past were not caused so much by a failure of the free market as by a failure to follow free-market principles. Over time Scotland's industrial base narrowed and there was an under-investment crisis as politics too often took over economic decision-making."

Sharp practice leaves Maastricht looking shabby

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The Maastricht bill lives, and will probably become law this autumn. But its passage through Parliament is looking increasingly shabby. Anyone doing business with Whitehall would be well advised to take a second or even third legal opinion.

The government last night appeared like a spiv businessman employing a sharp lawyer to dodge its obligations. The small print of the law seems to matter more than the spirit of approval by Parliament. As Sir Russell Johnston said, where there is a political will, there is a legal way.

The new advice that approval of amendment 27 on the social chapter will not affect the government's ability to ratify the treaty was discovered by the Attorney-general after Tristan Garel-Jones gave a contrary view to the Commons last month. That is the same Attorney-general who advised ministers to sign the controversial immunity certificates for the Matrix Churchill case last autumn.

Douglas Hurd did his best yesterday, and it may work in the short term, however uncomfortable he sounded explaining the latest view of the law officers. His distinction between amendments which create an incompatibility between British domestic law and the provisions of the treaty, and amendments, such as number 27, which do not interfere with ratification of the treaty may stand up legally.

The attempt last night to turn the tables on Labour over the amendment should have removed the most serious threat to the bill, although the victory could prove to be hollow. Laywers' explanations do not establish full-hearted consent, either by Parliament or by the British public.

Mr Hurd's statement was last night being treated with contempt by the Tory Eurosceptics and Opposition leaders, who were considering other amendments which could embarrass ministers. So there could be further troubles ahead on the bill, even if they are unlikely to be fatal. Calls for a referendum are also likely to be reinforced.

The curious feature is that the affair is all so unnecessary. There is a clear majority in the Commons both for the Maastricht bill and against the social chapter. Ministers had looked in danger of turning that strong position into a defeat, and they only escaped thanks to yesterday's sleight of hand.

A whole series of questions were still unanswered last night. What was the basis of the advice given to Mr Garel-Jones by Foreign Office officials which enabled him to say with such assurance last month that passage of amendment 27 would prevent Britain from ratifying the treaty? Why did law officers take a different view?

These contortions do not help supporters of the treaty, who have mainly sounded distinctly unenthusiastic. Many MPs would now be happy to get rid of the whole time-consuming legislation. There are already mutterings on the backbenches and in the press that the prime minister should now give up on the bill as a bad job.

However, abandoning ratification might have opposite results from those suggested. Instead of removing Europe from the political agenda and ending the splits in the Tory party, it might ensure their continuation. The rest of the EC would not calmly watch the abandonment of the treaty. Mr Hurd was at his most forceful yesterday in arguing that destruction of the treaty, especially if Britain was responsible, would add to the existing substantial turmoil in the world. On his view, it would risk reducing our say on matters of vital concern to us. These are strong points, but they are not helped by yesterday's manoeuvres.

The whole episode has tarnished John Major's claims to be straightforward in his dealings. As Jack Cunningham said, expediency appears to be the rule of the day. The shambles over amendment 27 could not have come at a worse time since the government already appeared to be stumbling from one crisis, and consequent U-turn, to the next. At present, the cabinet looks not only incompetent but also devious.

PETER RIDDELL

Hurd moves early to ward off defeat

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE most surprising aspect of yesterday's flurry of excitement over the Maastricht bill was that it happened at all. The government was acting to clear up its intentions over a vote that may not happen for eight or nine weeks.

It is increasingly clear that the Maastricht saga will not end until the autumn. Yesterday's statement by Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, appeared last night to have reduced the danger of defeat on amendment 27; its message, however, was that it would not have the calamitous effect foreseen by ministers only a few days ago.

A fortnight ago the cabinet decided to slow down consideration of the bill. Progress in the committee stage has been slightly better than expected and in any case Britain can move only at the pace of the Danes. John Major headed off defeat in the so-called paving debate on November 4 by promising rebels that the Commons would not take the third reading of the Maastricht bill until after the Danes had held their second referendum. That will now take place on May 18.

The government's latest crisis began last week when John Smith made plain in his interview with *The Times* that Labour did not regard amendment 27 as a wrecking ploy. Yesterday's statement appeared to accept Labour's case that the amendment does not wreck the bill or the treaty.

It looked more than likely last night that a vote on the social chapter amendment could be delayed until after Easter. That vote, and another on a referendum, are to take place near the end of the committee stage. If the government is defeated, in spite of signs that the rebels are backing off, it has two obvious chances to reverse the decision.

The first will come fairly speedily in the Commons when MPs move on to the report stage of the bill. It will almost certainly happen in the week after the Danish referendum, assuming that there is a "Yes" vote.

If the Commons confirms the government's defeat at report stage it will have at least one further opportunity to overturn it, when the bill goes to the Lords in mid-June.

Once the Lords have finished all their stages of the bill the crucial Lords change will be sent to the Commons for approval. At that point MPs would have to decide whether to defeat the government again by voting for the social chapter. If they did so the Lords would have to decide whether to "insist" on their amendment. In theory the amendment could ping-pong between the Lords and Commons until the end of the parliamentary session.

ANATOMY OF THE MAASTRICHT BILL

Feb-Apr:	Committee stage continues.
Mid to late Apr:	Vote on amendment 27.
Mid May:	Committee stage ends.
May 18:	Second Danish referendum.
May 23-27:	Report stage, including possible vote of principle on social chapter, third reading in the Commons.
Mid-June:	Bill goes to Lords.
June, July:	Committee and report stages in Lords.
Late Sep, Oct:	Final Lords stages and Lords amendments return to Commons.

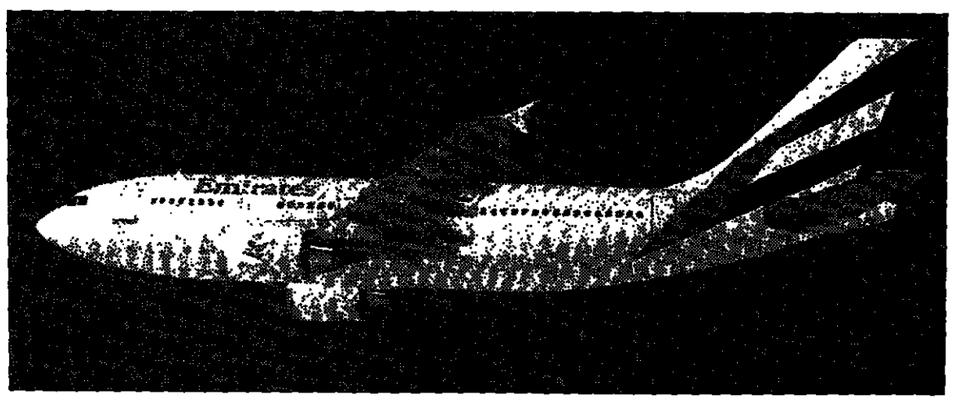
Mackay backs press watchdog

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

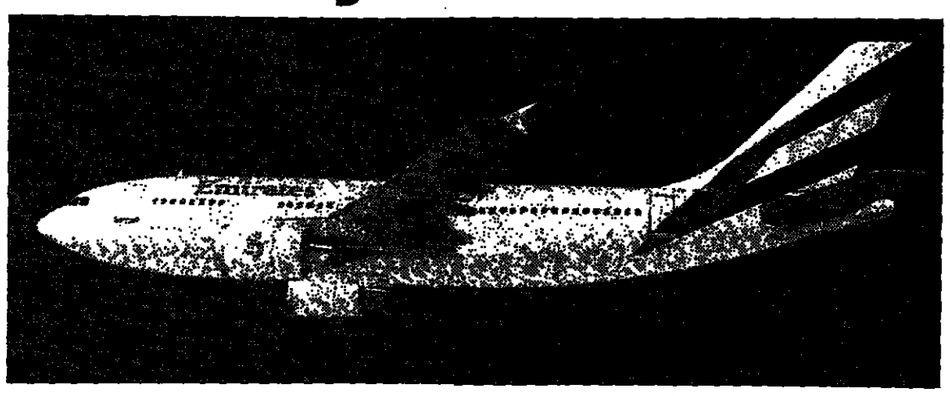
THE Lord Chancellor last night supported calls for the press to create an ombudsman system to compensate members of the public who cannot afford to sue for defamation. Lord Mackay of Clashfern, however, appeared to rule out the chances of legal aid being extended to help people fight defamation actions through the courts.

Lord Mackay floated outline plans for the creation of an ombudsman, funded by the newspaper industry, to settle small-claim defamation cases. He stopped short of supporting a statutory system, and said that it would be sufficient for the newspaper industry to operate the procedure voluntarily. He suggested that the newspaper industry was likely to follow the ruling of a respected figure who would also be given power to call for publication of corrections and apologies.

Questioned by the Commons national heritage select committee which is examining privacy and media intrusion, Lord Mackay said that he could not envisage legal aid being made available for defamation actions.



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Hurd offers Bosnia deal as model for aspiring minorities

MICHAEL EVANS, DNCE CORRESPONDENT

■ The foreign secretary endorses a future of "spatchcock" diplomacy, with untidy and untraditional solutions to ethnic conflicts

DO-LAS Hurd, the foreign secry, warned ethnic groi yesterday that the answei their dreams was not necrily instant independenself-determination and a rering of borders.

Hadvised groups with aspions to form their own sepe states to think again and;gested as a model the Bosn solution, which he callthe "spatchcock", an allu to a fowl slit lengthwaypened out and grilled flat.e proposal, put forward by d Owen and Cyrus Van the two international peamegotiators, calls for split the country into ten autcnous provinces.

Murd's warning to ambitir minorities was the latea serious of speeches by foreign secretary aimed at png forward his personal v of the way ahead for statacing internal conflict. Giv the Atlantic College Lecat Fishmongers' Hall in :don, Mr Hurd said: "Th/ance-Owen plan for Bos. with its ten autonomourovinces and only tenuous cs between them, looks like spatchcock. Nothing neatidy and traditional abot.

"I it is an imaginative andarefully designed respoto the particular problemof Bosnia. Whatever sucds in Bosnia will be diffat from arrangements whiwe recognise and feel comable with.

"I must get used to the idea a novel, even bizarrelook solution. We must, and) must the Bosnian Sert Bosnian Croats and Bosn Muslims."

Tbreign secretary's main themwas that conflicts betweestates would be rare nowat the Cold war was over.Future international ordevould be threatened by quan and fights within statesThese could not be resolved by outside intervention, although "in really difficult cases, it may be necessary to keep the peace".

Ethnic groups had to get the message that, unless they came to an understanding about their rights and aspirations within their existing sovereign state, wars and instability would continue.

"The granting or achievement of minority rights is not the start of a conveyor belt ending in changed borders or independence," he said. A better solution to claiming self-determination might be an agreement to accept a "special status within the existing state".

He admitted that in places such as Bosnia and the Caucasus it was sometimes impossible to imagine the communities ever living together within traditional administrative structures. Mr Hurd said: "Some form of autonomy will often be the only answer."

Territorial autonomy, however, was only possible when a minority group lived compactly in a specific region. In many areas, the ethnic map was so complicated that "the idea of carving out homogenous nation states is unrealisable".



Hurd: need to get used to bizarre solutions

☐ **Sarajevo:** Heavy fighting continued in the western area of Sarajevo as rebel Serb forces unleashed a furious artillery assault on Bosnian army positions (Joel Brand writes).

For several days there has been an increase in the number of civilians shot by snipers, and in random mortar and artillery attacks throughout the city. The positions of Bosnian forces appeared to be weakening in the key western suburbs of Azici and Stup. In early December, under similar conditions, the Bosnian army lost the key western suburb of Otez as Serb forces further closed their noose around the city.

In the city centre, local food distribution centres handed out their last remaining stocks to the elderly and the sick. In Bjelave, Cazim Vranac, 62, picked up some of the very last food left. The former arms factory worker received one tin of beef, a small tin of fish, a half-pound of feta cheese, two pounds of beans and a half-litre of oil — a sixth of the centre's remaining stocks.

Ordinarily the meagre portion of food would have to last him and his wife a week. Now, with the city's "hunger strike", he and his wife will have to subsist on the food indefinitely or somehow manage to locate some other source. The couple has no reserves.

Mr Vranac, however, supports the government's decision not to accept any more aid. "I took my food today because I need it, but if I could send this," he said, holding up his canvas shopping bag, "all that I have right now, I would send it to the citizens of eastern Bosnia."



Morning mourning: relatives pray at the grave of a civilian killed in Sarajevo. Since all the cemetery's trees were felled for firewood, mourners have been forced to go there early in the morning to reduce the risk of being shot at while exposed to snipers

Refugees land in Middle East row

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

BOSNIAN Muslim refugees hoping to escape the ravages of the Balkans for the relative calm of Israel are at the centre of a new battle, this time involving the feuding ethnic and religious communities of the Middle East.

Although there is widespread public sympathy for the plight of the Bosnians throughout the Middle East, on the eve of the arrival of 100 Muslim refugees Arab and Israeli politicians were still trying yesterday to prevent their search for a safe sanctuary in the Holy Land.

According to the Israeli environment minister, Yossir Sarid, the refugees are due to arrive this afternoon from Zagreb on a charter flight to Ben Gurion airport, Tel Aviv, from where they will be taken to temporary accommodation in a school south of Haifa. Although the refugees can be assured they will not be shot at, they have become embroiled in a bitter dispute involving Muslims and Jews, left-wing and right-wing Israelis, and Palestinians and Israelis.

The row erupted at the weekend when Arab Israeli leaders, who have been pressing the government of Yitzhak Rabin to take in Bosnian refugees, suddenly insisted that their fellow Muslims must remain where they were and refused to help accommodate them. Arab leaders complained that the Bosnians were being brought to Israel against the wishes of the Sarajevo government and that the entire exercise was being orchestrated by Israel as a propaganda stunt.

Right-wingers in Israel believe that all government resources available should be spent on helping absorb Jewish immigrants to Israel, rather than Muslims. Also, some Israelis claim that Bosnian Muslims collaborated with the Nazis during the second world war.

Briton attempts to hold bridge for aid convoy

Bosnian Serbs order UN out of town

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

A DRAMA with immense political ramifications was developing on the Drina river last night as Bosnian Serb military chiefs ordered United Nations troops and personnel to evacuate the riverside town of Zvornik.

The town's military commander demanded that the UN move after preventing them from delivering aid to the nearby besieged Muslim enclave of Cerska for the second day running. According to Lyndall Sachs, Belgrade spokeswoman of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the convoy leader, Larry Hollingworth, was told by the Zvornik commander that he had been ordered to block the convoy by the Bosnian Serb military chief, General Ratko Mladic.

She said that efforts were under way to set up emergency contacts between the UNHCR and Bosnian Serb officials. "We are absolutely determined to get this convoy through," she said.

The convoy episode began to take on the elements of high drama on Sunday night after Mr Hollingworth slept in his car on the bridge between Zvornik and Mali Zvornik in Serbia. Mr Hollingworth, a tough, no-nonsense Briton, was expected to stay there again last night. "I can't say if he'll lie on the bridge if tanks go over," said Mrs Sachs, "but he's pretty determined."

In Sarajevo the local authorities continued to refuse to distribute aid until the UN succeeded in getting help to the Muslim enclaves in the east of the republic, a move that has now been followed by the city of Tuzla. Government officials also demanded that force be used, citing the UN resolution on aid to Bosnia permitting them to use "all necessary means".

If the Cerska convoy fails to get through much of the existing UN aid programme will be thrown into jeopardy. The UNHCR's relations with the Bosnian government have already plummeted to an all time low. Aid to Bosnian Serbs will be cut off and in retaliation, they can be expected to cut the land convoy route to Sarajevo that crosses their territory and presently delivers 50 per cent of the capital's needs.

Reporting back to base Mr Hollingworth said that the Zvornik army chief, Commander Pandurovic had demanded that he leave the bridge and that the French troops get out of town. On Sunday ten UNHCR trucks packed with aid were allowed to leave Serbia but prevented from entering Zvornik. Yesterday the Serbian authorities prevented the trucks from leaving Yugoslavia. The French troops had come to Zvornik from Sarajevo to escort the aid lorries.

Mr Hollingworth said that the sounds of battle behind Zvornik were clearly audible and that the Bosnian Serb military authorities were claiming that they had captured Kamenica, another nearby besieged enclave. If true, thousands of refugees can soon be expected to flood across the front lines to Tuzla.

On Sunday the Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, assured the UNHCR special envoy, José Maria Mendiluce, that his men would not block the convoys. What appears to be happening is that the Bosnian military and local leaders clearly have different perceptions of how to win this battle with Mr Karadzic.

While Mr Karadzic must look after the global interests of the Bosnian Serbs and knows that blocking humanitarian convoys is not a sound way win friends and influence people, the situation looks different on the ground. In Zvornik, Bratunac and Skelani, the main Serb-held Drina towns, Orthodox cemeteries have overflowed with dead soldiers and civilians. The peace plan makes it a Muslim-dominated province.

Ozal accused of showing world a divided Turkey

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

PLEDNG that he would "encin the Serbs from the north 1 the south", President Oof Turkey set out for Sofia yrday on the first leg of a Ban tour. The trip, "to exchan views in a volatile region' appears likely to excite sng emotions abroad and in urkey, where the presidels suspected of pursuing fgn policy objectives at oddvith those of his governnt.

Mr O will go on to visit Macedo, a country which Turkey one of the few to recognisBefore he left the presidenpoke of a duty to countrieshere Turkey had historic t and where Turks were livi A visit to Skopje by Presid Zhelev of Bulgaria, whichis arranged a few days ago,ll do little to allay Greek fe. of shifting alliances in tregion.

HowevMr Ozal's domestic critics use him of showing the wd that Turkey has a divided e. The Turkish foreign mitry characterised as "speculan" reports that it was trying to distance itself from the trip which it had arranged. The presence of the Ustun Sanberk, the influential permanent under-secretary at the foreign ministry in the president's entourage was cited as further proof that Mr Ozal was going as his country's representative.

Up to now, however, Mr Ozal has shown little sign of being controlled by the government of which, in theory, he is merely the titular head. If he is trying to use the crisis in Bosnia as a domestic platform, then he may have stumbled badly.

Mr Ozal used his special prerogative to address a rally in support of Bosnia at the weekend in Istanbul's Taksim Square, the scene of vast political demonstrations during the 1970s. At the biggest estimate, only 15,000 people attended, and many of these were youthful supporters of far right nationalist or religious groups who booed the president's speech.

The coalition parties and much of the opposition boycotted the event, partly it would seem to isolate further a president with whom they uneasily coexist. Yet the government also appears to be genuinely concerned at fuelling popular expectations that Turkey has the influence to prompt the international community to a more interventionist stand over Bosnia.

The Turkish foreign ministry prides itself that it has taken an independent line in trying to support the Bosnians. There is little satisfaction that Ankara failed to rally the Islamic Conference Organisation into supporting a more aggressive stand. Turkey may be abandoning its pretence to be the secular, European but Muslim nation which would be called upon to moderate in the Balkan conflict.

At Saturday's rally Mr Ozal issued what one international relations professor described as nothing short of an ultimatum to Serbia. He also repeated that Bosnia would not become another Andalucia.

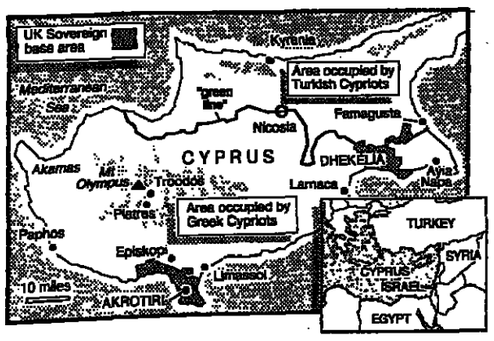
Cyprus poll win leaves UN on hold

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

THE futu of United Nations effo to end the 19-year divisi of Cyprus has been thro into confusion by the surise victory in Greek Cyot presidential elections olafcos Clerides.

Some dipmats claim Mr Clerides' vory presents a new obstacas he has been very criticaf a UN peace plan which said made too many concsions to the Turkish Criots. George Vassiliou, t ousted president, suppod the plan and said time w running out for the GreeCypriots.

Other dipmats said Mr Clerides, a experienced politician, wld not alienae the Unit Nations Security Coun which has eidorsed tholan to unite Cprus into two-zone fedeal republic.It's too early tt say how sious the setbck is," a Wcern diplomat i Nicosia sd. "We feel tat, despitesome of his tugh electn pledges, Crides' posin is not that dferent fro Vassiliou's. Is a matter style rather thn substanc"



Mr Clerides, a charismatic British-trained lawyer, is an old acquaintance of Rauf Denktas, the Turkish Cypriot leader, who congratulated him on his victory yesterday. Mr Clerides' supporters have often said the two men could solve the Cyprus problem over dinner if left to their own devices. The two spent lengthy periods together between 1968 and 1976 when Mr Clerides led the Greek Cypriot negotiations. He resigned when the late Archbishop Makarios accused him of leaking details of the Greek Cypriot position to Mr Denktas.

Mr Clerides, 73, says the plan as it stands violates basic human rights by barring some Cypriots from returning to their former homes and would exclude Cyprus from the European Community. His narrow victory, by less than one percentage point, was gained through the support of the centre-right Diko party headed by Spyros Kyprianou, the former president, who rejects the UN plan.

UN-sponsored reunification talks are set to resume in New York next month but Mr Clerides said he wanted a postponement until the peace plan was redrawn. Mr Denktas is also reluctant to go. The talks ended in deadlock in November when Mr Denktas rejected the plan.

"Going to New York is never an unpleasant experience, but I don't want to go for an expensive holiday to sit in a costly hotel with all my entourage when there is no sign of any change of attitude by Mr Denktas," Mr Clerides said last week. "I want to see some positive signs before we negotiate at the top level before the secretary-general. The gap is very wide at the moment."

UN sources said the momentum of the talks would be lost if the next meeting is postponed for too long. The UN has recently shown its frustration with years of deadlock in Cyprus — a relatively prosperous and peaceful island — by slashing its debt-ridden peacekeeping force by a third.

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Rapid Russian pullout bequeaths wasteland to east Germany



Kohl: gave extra cash for quick withdrawal

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN BONN

THE sprawling, rundown barracks are empty. The tanks, missiles and armoured cars have rumbled home. Just over two years after unification, the once mighty Soviet army, for 40 years the enforcer of Moscow's will in the former East Germany, has melted away. About 60 per cent of all the troops have now left, the German government said; by August next year everyone will be gone, four months earlier than planned.

The pullout has been speeded up as a result of additional German spending. In December, Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, offered Moscow an extra DM550 million (£220 million) to build barracks in Russia for the troops. In response, President Yeltsin agreed to an accelerated timetable for withdrawal: by the end of this year about 90 per cent of troops, who with their families numbered 545,000 in 1990, will have gone.

Altogether, Germany will pay DM8.35 billion for the move. Bonn will have to pay even more to clear up the mess the Russians are leaving behind: dilapidated houses, wrecked barracks, and a contaminated environment. It will take years, local officials say, before the military complex in Dresden can be made habitable. No one even knows yet who will take over the land, which reverts initially to the federal finance ministry.

■ **The troops are melting away. The fear is that Moscow similarly will fade from European consciousness and influence**

Altogether, the Soviet army used more than 1,000 parcels of land in East Germany, covering a total of about 620,000 acres. This included 15 military training fields, about 700 or so barracks, 28 airfields and several hundred other installations.

The evacuation process has been a huge undertaking: so far about 330,000 people have left, taking with them 73,000 pieces of armour and 1.56 million tonnes of materiel. The Germans have already opened the first barracks to house the troops in Ukraine — though future installations will have to be in Russia. Bonn has rejected criticism by some Russian generals that not enough has been done to construct houses, saying that the Russian defence ministry is satisfied with the programme.

Ironically, it was only after the pullout was agreed that the Russians began to fraternise with the local population, opening their gates for the first time and organising the kind of meetings and local initiatives long practised by British and American forces in the West. By the end, the poverty of the Russian soldiers was glaring: many were found outside their barracks selling their uniforms, smuggling out weapons, doing what they could to earn hard currency. Several hundred soldiers are estimated to have deserted rather than go home.

German gratitude at the departure of the Russians is now tempered with concern that Russia is being ignored by the West. A senior Christian Democrat Union politician who has just returned from Moscow said Germany was now seen there as the only country that had not forgotten Russia's difficulties.

Karl-Heinz Hornhues, the party's deputy parliamentary leader, called on the West to include Russia in its thinking on common security. Saying it was the last chance the West had to influence developments in Russia along Western lines, he said Herr Kohl should orientate foreign policy more on Russia. Bonn's contradiction on the Maastricht treaty on political and economic union in the European Community had prevented Germany taking due note of dangerous shifts in Russia and the Asian republics.

□ **Budapest:** Ministers from 35 European countries started a two-day meeting here yesterday to agree plans to stem the tide of illegal migrants through East Europe to the West. Proposals include a policy to improve life in their home states and a European migration charter. *(Reuter)*

Khasbulatov presses Yeltsin as power struggle intensifies

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

THE struggle for power in Russia took a new turn yesterday when Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary Speaker, proposed that the constitutional referendum due on April 11 be replaced with a vote of confidence in President Yeltsin.

The move raised the possibility that, barely a year after he helped oust Mikhail Gorbachev, the Russian leader may be on his way to share the former Soviet leader's fate. Mr Yeltsin, meanwhile, in a move which has puzzled observers, has suddenly retired to the country for an unscheduled 12-day holiday, increasing worries about his health and his failing grip on power.

On the other hand, he may simply need time to think about his political options. These appear to be narrowing rapidly. The decline of his authority has been attributed to a loss of his old political skill, and the greater tactical ability of his arch rival, Mr Khasbulatov.

The real reason, however, is that like Mr Gorbachev before him, Mr Yeltsin is trying to overcome historical obstacles which may well be insuperable. Mr Gorbachev was brought down by popular discontent with the state of the economy and the rise of separatist nationalism in the republics. Mr Yeltsin is being defeated by the resentment of the Russian people at the economic sacrifices being demanded of them. This resentment is steadily strengthening the conservative opposition and leading to increasing apathy among the former supporters of Mr Yeltsin's programme of reforms.

Coupled with this is an increasing loss of control over Russia's regions. A considerable number of the economic reforms initiated by Mr Yeltsin's government have proved irrelevant in practice because local authorities have ignored them. At a meeting of regional leaders in Moscow this weekend, areas rich in resources demanded still more control over local taxation.

If, as feared, Russia tips over into hyperinflation and the rouble ceases to be an effective medium of exchange, then local authorities may have to print their own currencies, destroying one of the last instruments of central authority.

The immediate question for Mr Yeltsin is how to either control, or wriggle out of the referendum on the constitution that he called for April 11. Mr Yeltsin planned this as a straight public vote in favour of presidential rather than parliamentary government. It has become instead a chance for Mr Khasbulatov to damage the president's prestige. Even if he cannot impose a vote of confidence in the president, parliament can load the ballot paper with so many vague questions that a bewildered and disgruntled electorate will simply not vote.

Mr Yeltsin has offered to abandon the referendum if another way out of the constitutional deadlock can be found, but Mr Khasbulatov's demands amount to complete removal of the government from the president's control. With Mr Yeltsin evidently in retreat, there would seem no reason for Mr Khasbulatov to remove his teeth from the president's throat at the present time.

The slippage of Mr Yeltsin's authority was perhaps most starkly symbolised in the past week by the appointment of Aleksandr Zaveryukha as deputy premier for agriculture. He was apparently appointed on the initiative of Aleksandr Rutskoi, the conservative vice-president, and he belongs to the Soviet loyalist Russian Unity Party which is at the core of the National Salvation Front that Mr Yeltsin denounced as anti-constitutional and tried to ban.

Mr Zaveryukha is an old bureaucrat and former manager of an agro-industrial plant. The new minister's first public statement demanded hugely increased credits for agriculture, thereby making nonsense of the government's anti-inflation policy. However, the collapse of the Soviet trading system is itself forcing changes on the government. The Interfax news agency reported yesterday that the government is about to abolish compulsory sales of food to the state by Russia's collective farms, replacing them with voluntary contracts.

This would destroy one of the main points of the collective farms' existence. However, to think that free contracts will automatically lead the farmers to produce and sell more is to ignore Russian history this century.

Baltic wrangle

Moscow: Yuri Luzhkov, the mayor of Moscow, yesterday suspended economic and commercial ties with Estonia and Latvia, accusing the Baltic states of violating the rights of Russian-speakers living under their jurisdiction, Tass reported. The news agency said that the decision would remain in effect until the rights of Russian-speakers were respected. *(AFP)*



Vulnerable giant: passers-by in east Berlin are dwarfed by this huge statue of Ernst Thälmann, a prewar German communist party chief who was killed by the Nazis in 1944. The bust will be removed if the proposals of a special commission of historians and artists are accepted by the city. Large statues of such other communist luminaries as Marx and Engels, however, are among some 485 memorials that would be allowed to remain under a plan for preserving communist-era monuments unveiled by the commission yesterday. Statues and plaques praising East German border guards killed along the Berlin Wall should give way to others honouring those who helped people flee to the West, the commission said. *(Reuter)*

Mitterrand cours 'romantic gadfl of centre-right

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THE picturesque town hall in the Riviera town of Fréjus is the venue today for a little psychological theatre that could herald a transformation of French politics, or amount to just another manoeuvre by President Mitterrand.

At centre stage is François Léotard, 50, the town mayor, former Benedictine novice and younger star of the centre-right UDF opposition, which is expected to take over the government next month along with the Gaullists. M Mitterrand is in Fréjus to open the memorial to the Indochina war, but his decision to seek a meeting with M Léotard has inflamed speculation that he could be considering M Léotard as a potential prime minister. That would spike the guns of Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader, and Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the UDF leader, who groomed the young M Léotard while he was president in the 1970s.

M Mitterrand's entourage has been sending flattering signals to M Léotard, a popular former culture minister. Pierre Bérégovoy, the prime minister, invited him to take part in a television debate last month. An enigmatic personality who is depicted as both a thoughtful romantic and a superficial gadfly, M Léotard has been preparing for high office for the past three years, and of late has spoken openly about the possibility of becoming prime minister.

M Léotard's once flawless credentials have been tarnished by a brush with prosecutors over a public contract in the Fréjus port and the purchase of his house there. Investigating judges cleared him of corruption but said they had found evidence of shady dealing; however, the alleged offence had expired under the statute of limitations.

For M Léotard, the affair is part of a political plot. "I cannot accept being told that I am legally innocent but morally guilty. I want my reputation and my honour restored," he said on Friday. He has been comforted by polls that show he is still very popular, despite being apparently contaminated by the scandals that are dragging down politicians of both left and right.



Léotard: could meet desire for change

A "New Age" politi who runs marathons, sky-d and expounds at length his feelings, M Léotard r respect last year when h signed from his office as a parliamentary deput party president and mayor day he was charged. Such flesty is rare in French poli He was reinstated as mr on Saturday and bega campaigning for the parliamentary elections. While Mitterrand may only be flirt with M Léotard to upset old foes, there is no doubt the ambitious mayor co meet the popular desire for reak with left-right politics the ageing leaders. With a e on the presidential camp n of 1995, he has been pa ng a picture of a new "o ing" which could put your centrists in charge in parent.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sloval elect Kova

Bratislava: Michal ac, an economist and form peaker of the Czechoslov parliament, was elected vakia's first president yestey, after the breakup of the choslovak federation on ary 1.

Mr Kovac, 62, unopposed as the candid for the ruling Democratlovakia Movement, the part Vladimir Meciar, t prime minister. *(AFP)*

Eta arms und

Bayonne: French ice have discovered an ar orkshop belonging to Eta, Basque separatist group. Spanish spokesman said t iscovery was the most im ant strike against Eta since military leader was arreste *(Reuter)*

Migrant ell

Kwajalein: A shi ad of Chinese migrants, w ere intercepted by a US ast Guard vessel in the Pac and taken to the Marshall ands, said they had endure eeks of hell from the crew. *(Reuter)*

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Tokyo: Michio tanabe, the Japanese fore secretary, was taken to ho tal suffering from a cold overwork. Yohei Kono, t hief cabinet secretary, will deputising for him. *(AFP)*

Burgeroff

Paris: McDon ld's will not be permitted "un any circumstances" to op a restaurant on the banks the Seine, a junior minist said. *(AFP)*

Brazauskas sweeps to easy victory in Lithuania poll

BY ANATOL LIEVEN

LITHUANIANS have elected former Communist leader Algirdas Brazauskas president by a huge majority.

He won 60 per cent of the vote to 38 per cent for Stasys Lozoraitis, a Lithuanian émigré, in Sunday's presidential elections. Coupled with his party's overall majority in parliament, this means that Mr Brazauskas now dominates Lithuanian politics.

In his victory speech, Mr Brazauskas distanced himself once again from the Communist party, which he led from 1988-90, and which was then renamed the Democratic Labour party. He said that the party's programme is social democratic now, and that neither he nor his leading supporters had been communist by conviction.

"In the old Communist party, maybe 3 per cent were real communists and the other 97 per cent were only members," he said. "In that system, if you wanted to get ahead, you had to be a member."

Voters were sympathetic to Mr Lozoraitis, the former ambassador to Washington, but a majority of those interviewed said that they had more confidence in Mr Brazauskas's administrative and economic experience. Mr Lozoraitis has only lived in Lithuania for a few weeks.

Mr Brazauskas will be pursuing a more conciliatory policy towards Moscow than Vytautas Landsbergis, the nationalist leader, although whether this will lead to more cheap oil supplies from Russia is doubtful. The Russian government increasingly is making such decisions purely on the basis of commercial advantage, and Lithuania has very little economic, or political clout. Similarly, the International Monetary Fund has been unresponsive to calls from Mr Brazauskas for easier terms of credit.

Harsh realities thwart single currency dream

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

THE dream of a single European currency was becoming harder to reconcile with the need to boost the EC's economies out of recession, several of the Community's finance ministers admitted yesterday.

At a meeting here devoted to reviewing how far Community's economies have "converged" towards the strict monetary, fiscal and macroeconomic targets set by the Maastricht treaty, Germany's finance minister signalled that the Community's ambitious timetable for monetary union was at risk from recession. Theo Waigel told his colleagues that they should not expect German interest rates to fall again in the near future because the Bundesbank had already used all the leeway it had.

"We are all facing enormous difficulties in fulfilling these targets." Herr Waigel said of the tests, which will be applied to each of the EC economies in 1996 to see if they qualify to join a single currency. Wim Kok, the Dutch finance minister, said that his government was worried about the difficulties of acting against unemployment while preserving a low budget deficit in line with the Maastricht criteria. The ministers agreed that the economic forecasts sent to Brussels by each of the governments would be extended to 1996.

Nicholas Ridley, page 16

China enshrines market reforms

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

PEKING is to amend the constitution to include the capitalist-style reforms of Deng Xiaoping, the senior leader, which produced a 13 per cent growth rate last year.

The move suggests that, despite earlier hardline opposition, most leaders now expect Mr Deng's policies to endure. The development also reflects that, at 88, Mr Deng may not be around much longer to protect his policies; reformists may want to have China's commitment to reform in writing before he dies.

The change is expected to occur when the parliament meets at its five-yearly congress next month, the Xinhua news agency said yesterday. The *China Daily* said: "It is believed that the proposed constitutional changes will give formal approval to China's adherence to reform and opening to the outside world, the role of senior leader Deng Xiaoping's theory in building socialism with Chinese characteristics and the market economy." The proposed amendments do little more than parrot the line adopted by the Communist party at its congress last autumn, that reform would continue for 100 years. However, hardliners who have long fought Mr Deng's free-market reforms are unlikely to give up at the first sight of the amendments.

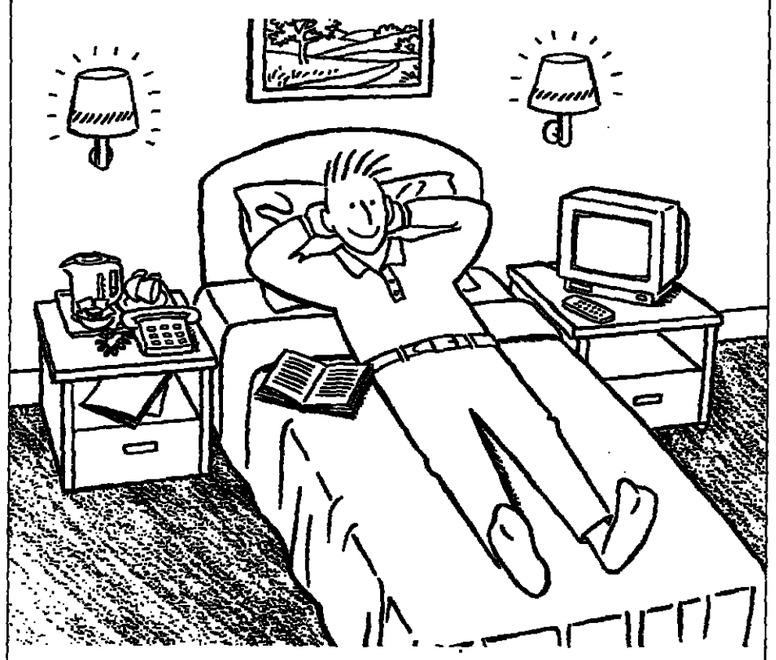
In practice, the Deng reforms have given birth to aggressive entrepreneurial capitalism. Party rhetoric, however, insists on maintaining that China is a socialist state.

Yesterday, Peking quashed rumours in Hong Kong that China was prepared to compromise on e proposals of Chris Patte e colony's governor, for ir eased democracy. The sto market jumped when seve Chinese-language newspapers in Hong Kong quot sources saying that China as prepared to hold talks in Britain and to reach a de over the reform package. Le, however, Peking's Hon Kong and Macau Affairs ffice denied that there had en any change in China's polon.

□ **Fire deas:** An explosion in a dep tment store in Tangshan northern China, left 78 peo dead and t least 53 injure at the weekend, Xinhua sa yesterday. A fire broke out the Lirui epartment store after a blast so far unexplain.

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Clinton asks America for sacrifices to finance a recovery

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

■ The president plans to create jobs and restructure the economy. He is unlikely to keep his promise to reduce the deficit

PRESIDENT Clinton will announce tomorrow night the biggest upheaval in American economic policy since Ronald Reagan came to power in 1981.

In his State of the Union address to Congress the president will set out his economic programme, consisting of tax rises, a recovery package and a shift in spending priorities. Last night, the president was addressing the nation for the first time in a live broadcast from the Oval Office, in which he set the scene for the State of the Union address, asking Americans to make sacrifices for the national good.

Mr Clinton and his economic advisers have, after daily marathon meetings in the White House, now settled the framework of the package, which will aim to cut the deficit in the medium term, while raising some taxes to pay for a recovery programme.

As far as higher taxes are concerned, Americans are unusually supportive. According to a poll by *US Today* and CNN published yesterday, 51 per cent of Americans are willing to make sacrifices. The president knows that such backing does not last forever.

Some details of the package have been leaked. Robert Reich, the labour secretary, announced on a television chat show that the top marginal tax rate was likely to go up from 31 per cent to 36 per cent on incomes of more than $200,000 (£142,000).

The measures will hit the rich especially hard, nor will the middle classes emerge unscathed. There will be a rise in corporate taxes; an energy tax, although probably not a hated petrol tax; special taxes on companies which pay "excessive" wages to their executives; the closing of tax loopholes for foreign companies; higher taxes on cigarettes and alcohol; cuts in mortgage tax relief, and more.

The package is aimed at creating jobs in the short run: despite the recent upsurge in economic activity, unemployment stands at 7.1 per cent. The jobs package is thought to be worth $31 billion, in investment credits and direct government spending.

The second aim is to solve the structural problems of the economy. Mr Clinton has



Reich: announced tax rises on television

pledged to cut the budget deficit — estimated at $327 billion for the present fiscal year, which ends in September — by $145 billion over four years, a promise he is unlikely to be able to keep.

The Clinton team also wants to shift spending from "consumption" to "investment", such as spending on education and infrastructure. There will also be spending cuts, though perhaps not as much as promised. The sector most affected will be defence.

There is, in fact, scope for measures to sort out the economy. If America was to introduce a British-style value-added tax rate of 17.5 per cent, the budget deficit would disappear. If on top of that, petrol and other forms of energy were taxed to European levels, the administration would suffer an embarrassing surplus. None of this will happen, of course, but America does have room for manoeuvre, while Europe has virtually none. The tax burden is much lower in America, with tax receipts at about 30 per cent of gross national product, than in Europe, where it ranges from about 35 per cent to 50 per cent.

However, where Clintonomics is at its most exciting, is in the switch from macroeconomic sorcery to painstaking microeconomic reform. The real action will be in the field of health care reform, which is co-ordinated by Hillary Clinton, labour market reform, where Mr Reich may extend workfare schemes and introduce vocational training; and an industrial strategy based around core technologies.

□ **Iraq deals:** The British intelligence agencies MI5 and MI6 told the CIA as early as December 1987 that the Coventry-based company Matrix Churchill was supplying Iraq with equipment for its weapons programmes, *The Washington Post* reported yesterday (Martin Fletcher writes).

The CIA, using British intelligence reports, kept the White House informed about the company's activities until the British and American authorities shut down Matrix Churchill and its US subsidiary after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, according to unnamed US government sources.



Under suspicion: Israeli border police guarding one of 19 suspects rounded up after the fatal stabbing of a man, 35, at a bus stop in Jerusalem yesterday. A woman was also injured. Security forces ordered a clampdown on the occupied territories after the murder (Richard Beeston writes).

In the latest incident in a Jewish neighbourhood of mainly Arab east Jerusalem, a Palestinian armed with a knife attacked Israelis at a bus stop. The stabbing followed a shooting on Sunday night near the West Bank Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba, where a man and woman were injured when their car was fired on by suspected Muslim militants.

The attacks are part of a fresh cycle of violence in the occupied territories. There were fears yesterday that the trend would continue during the visit by Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, who leaves Washington tomorrow.

Cost of Egyptian terrorism soars

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

TERRORISM by Islamic militants has cost Egypt $700 million (£284 million) since the latest campaign was launched last year. The cost could rise to $1 billion by June if the present depressed state of the country's previously buoyant tourist industry persists.

The damage figures were disclosed yesterday by Fouad Sultan, the tourism minister. Western experts said the figures demonstrated the inability of the government to counter the adverse publicity generated by the violence despite a dramatic increase in security in the worst-hit areas.

Tourism is Egypt's biggest foreign currency earner. In 1991-92, three million tourists brought in a record $3.5 billion. "The hard truth is that, when people are going on holiday, they do not want to face the prospect of being shot at," one Western official said.

"Whatever the government may say, and whatever the wrongs of the campaign, this is one of the few countries where tourists are now being targeted for being just that," he added.

The new statistics confirm the gloom hanging over most tourist areas. Even the pyramids and ancient pharonic temples, the country's main tourist attractions, are virtually empty. Already this year two tourist buses have been bombed while driving along the main road to the pyramids on the outskirts of Cairo and two more were ambushed by gunmen in upper Egypt, the main fundamentalist stronghold, where a British woman, on tour, was killed last year.

ANC deal on power remains enigma

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

SERIOUS confusion now exists about the extent of the agreement between the African National Congress and President de Klerk's government. Both sides have spent three days backpedalling from the political and propaganda storm provoked by their statements at the end of last week among both their constituents and their opponents.

That there has been some agreement or, as both sides are now describing it, "convergence", is clear, but it will have to be discussed and endorsed (or amended or rejected) by a multiparty negotiating forum. More, its main aspects technically must still be approved by the ANC national executive, which is meeting today, and the cabinet.

As the militant wing of the Pan Africanist Congress, the black freedom movement, observed yesterday, both sides have been mandated by these bodies to make agreements on power-sharing such as that described by ministers and ANC negotiators. The PAC is deeply unhappy about the reported agreement, saying: "We are convinced that the regime and the ANC are going to get married and give birth to a baby named neo-colonialism."

Benny Alexander, the PAC general secretary, added: "It is with deep regret that we have to indict the ANC for selling out the struggle at the table of convenience of a few elite."

Assuming that the outcome of bilateral wrangling is endorsed by both leadership bodies, the next hurdle is the meeting tomorrow and Thursday between the government negotiators and the Inkatha Freedom Party. At the talks the government will try to persuade Inkatha at least to attend the multiparty planning meeting scheduled for later this month.

Killings in Bronx flat blamed on drugs feud

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

DRUG dealers were blamed yesterday for the killings of three adults and three teenagers in a New York flat.

A neighbour, who looked through the half-open front door, discovered the bodies in the sixth-floor flat in a drug-ridden building in the South Bronx on Sunday morning, hours after residents heard gunshots and screams.

The victims had each been shot with a single bullet in the back of the head. Their bodies were left lying face-down, shoulder to shoulder in a pool of blood in the living room. Bullet casings and St Valentine's day cards lay on the floor. Police found $4,400 (£3,000) and 300 unspent rifle rounds in the flat and ruled out robbery as a motive.

Investigators suggested that the killing was the latest outbreak of violence in a feud between two local "unions" — street drug gangs — in the mainly Hispanic area where 80 people were murdered last year. The key target of the attackers appeared to be Edwin Santiago, 17, a schoolboy described by neighbours as a small-time drug dealer.

Killed with him were his mother, Julia Santana, in her forties, and her daughter, Maria Santana, 26, who lived in the flat. The other victims were neighbours. José Luis Rivera, a victim's brother, said the killers "probably didn't want to leave any witnesses".

Tyson's lawyer spars with judges for retrial on rape

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN INDIANAPOLIS

ALAN Dershowitz, the American celebrity lawyer, took on the state of Indiana yesterday in two hours' legal sparring in which he sought to overturn the rape conviction of Mike Tyson, the former heavyweight boxing champion.

Tyson has now served a year of his six-year sentence for raping a beauty queen contestant in Indianapolis in July 1991. Reports say he is settling down to the regime of prison life in the Indiana Youth Centre, spending his days shadow boxing, weight training and talking to friends on the telephone.

Yesterday Mr Dershowitz sought to persuade the three judges of the Indiana Court of Appeals that the conviction was unsound, the jury ill-informed, the judge biased and Tyson the victim of injustice. A theatrical and extrovert performer, Mr Dershowitz gave a vintage display, gesticulating and arguing his case with machinegun speed.

The lawyer, urging the judges to order a retrial, insisted that, at Tyson's original trial, Judge Patricia Gifford had undermined the defence case by failing to advise the jury to take into account the boxer's state of mind at the time of his encounter with Desiree Washington, 18, the woman he was convicted of raping.

Mr Dershowitz said the jury should have been made aware of the possibility that Tyson "mistakenly but genuinely" believed Ms Washington had agreed to have sex at the Canterbury Hotel, Indianapolis, in July 1991.

Nervous and exuding tense energy, with his usually wild hair cut for the occasion, Mr Dershowitz looked every inch the aggressive legal counsel yesterday. By comparison, his opponent, Larry Reuben, Indiana's chief deputy attorney-general, appeared almost flustered. "Either he raped her, or she consented. There is no middle ground," Mr Reuben said with apparent frustration as he tried to refute Mr Dershowitz's claims that Tyson genuinely believed Ms Washington had consented.

Mr Dershowitz also argued that the decision by Judge Gifford to exclude three defence witnesses, who said they had seen Ms Washington and Tyson embracing in the back of a limousine on the night of the incident, proved seriously damaging to the defence. "These witnesses would have devastated the state's case," he said.

Tyson's lawyer also accused Judge Gifford, a former sex-



Tyson: settling down to prison life in Indiana

crimes prosecutor, of prejudice and claimed that she had been selected by the prosecution because her sympathies were well known. "Wisely, if not fairly, they knew the judge they were getting," he said. Mr Dershowitz's plea yesterday marks the culmination of his year-long media crusade against Ms Washington on Tyson's behalf.

On television chat shows throughout America he has sought to depict Ms Washington as a scheming gold-digger intent on making money from the hapless Tyson. Her hiring of a lawyer to handle the proceeds from selling her story to the media was evidence of her financial motivation, he claimed.

Tyson was not in court yesterday, but Camille Ewald, his adoptive mother, flew from New York to attend the hearing. Before going into court, she said that she was confident there would be a new trial. "Mike is very excited," she said.

Before yesterday's appeal, Mr Dershowitz claimed that he believed the grounds for a retrial in the case were the strongest he had encountered in 25 years of legal practice.

But the Indiana appeal court is a notably conservative institution. The one-woman, two-man judging panel is not expected to reach a decision on whether to order a retrial for several weeks. Although the packed courtroom was silent during Mr Dershowitz's appeal, the judges themselves may well prove to be rather less impressed with the famous New Yorker's eloquence.

Child slave marchers reach Delhi

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

TIRED and ragged, dozens of former child slaves reached Delhi yesterday after travelling through northern India in a unique protest march. They were previously carpet weavers, leather workers, cigarette makers, agricultural labourers and gem polishers.

The campaign against child exploitation is gaining momentum. India's carpet industry faces ruin from an international boycott unless it stops using bonded child labourers. Practically every handwoven carpet from India, Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh is made partly or wholly by children, many of them bonded.

The government, responding to international pressure, announced this week that it has set up a three-year programme to enforce laws controlling child labour. A battery of legislation is available, but rarely implemented because police, government officials and social workers accept bribes. The new effort is unlikely to make much impact, given the pervasiveness of corruption.

The former bonded children were led through northern India by the South Asian Coalition on Child Servitude, which has focused much of its work on releasing children in the carpet industry. Parents are duped by loom owners into "selling" their children with promises of regular salaries, holidays and good conditions. The children are often taken miles away and held incommunicado for years. Parents are too poor to track them down.

There has been a strong international response in recent months against the use of children in carpet-making in South Asia. German importers are insisting on guarantees that carpets are not made by bonded children, and in America legislation is being drawn up to ban the import of goods made by children. The Coalition on Child Servitude is urging Britain to take similar steps.

Kailash Satyarthi, the coalition's chairman, said millions of children worked in servitude in India. "There is no political will to eradicate child labour. Almost all bonded children are Untouchables or tribals, and nobody cares about them."

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Playpens with real bars

Will custodial sentences turn tough teenaged villains away from crime?

DARREN, Britain's most wanted 13-year-old, stands less than five feet tall from the sole of his trainers to the bristles on his shaven head. His specialities include burglary, robbery and assault but he gets his real kick from revving stolen sports cars at up to 120 mph down one-way streets and ramming them into police cars. Darren has been arrested more than 40 times since the summer but because he is too young to be kept in custody he has got away smiling every time.

Now the government think they have the answer to Darren — secure units for 12 to 15-year-olds. Under proposed legislation police will be able to lock up these teenyboppers for as much as two years. The new units will aim to provide education, training and "kindly discipline" for youngsters.

David Robins remains sceptical. He has spent 20 years as a youth worker and has written such books as, *Knuckle Sandwich, We Hate Humans*, and his latest, published this January, *Tarnished Vision: Crime and Conflict in the Inner City* (Oxford University Press). He is now the study director of the Institute of Community Studies at Bethnal Green, in east London.

Mr Robins, like teenage magazine editors and acne specialists, can claim to be one of the few adults to know even remotely what teenagers are thinking. He doesn't read newspapers or study government statistics; all his knowledge is based on getting to know young offenders over a long period, so he understands not only the individuals but neighbourhoods, job prospects, friends, teachers and families.

"If the government scheme is to be a success one has to look at why young children are now committing crimes, who is to blame, who is going to do the locking up, what the children will learn and how they will turn out," says Mr Robins from his house in Kentish Town, north London.

So what does drive children like Darren? "Using and selling stolen property is a normal activity in Britain during a recession. Children learn crime easily. They are ideal fodder for older criminals because they are easily controlled and intimidated. Children make excellent drug runners and neat burglars. They can't go to jail and they like imitating their elders." Mr Robins says as his two children enter the room with their nanny looking as though they would never steal a chocolate bar from the local shop let alone "borrow" a tennis racket from their schoolfriends.

"The kind of children doing crime have no hope and will not be put off by the threat of secure homes," he says and outlines two categories of offenders. The first want cash. They live on estates where trainers, bikes and computer games are all that counts any more and they learn that they can get what they want without working. The others do it for "the crack", the kick they get out of drug taking or joy riding because they are so bored at school and home.

All psychological techniques for controlling these youngsters have broken down, but Mr Robins says: "Behind all the macho strutting, most child criminals have low self-esteem. Most are psychologically paralysed. They can't see out of their own street let alone into another type of life."

MORAL persuasion is lost on child criminals, according to Mr Robins. "They only care about themselves so the only way to get them is to persuade them they are seriously risking ending up a piece of slag in prison with no family, no neighbourhood, no respect."

If you manage to convince them, you then have to offer them an alternative way of acquiring self-confidence. "The unskilled can no longer survive in this climate so we must usefully equip schoolchildren. The recession may have wiped out the positive impact of many training projects but we must keep going," he says.

The youth workers and probation officers must also get more support. "The burn-out there is vast but the young need persistent long-term involvement with adult mentors, trainers and teachers."

And what will happen to these children when they come out of these institutions? "If they can get relevant training and they come out at the end of a recession — they have a chance, most have a remarkable ability to straighten themselves out. With luck crime will only be a part-time hobby."

ALICE THOMSON



David Robins: doubts that children will be deterred

Gary Kasparov has two challengers — Britain's best ever and a bunch of nobodies. **Raymond Keene** reports



The eyes invariably have it: Gary Kasparov is the highest-rated chess player in history, and the man Nigel Short must overcome in order to claim a place among the immortals

The king awaits a Short response

Nigel Short has described Gary Kasparov as "arrogant", "power-hungry" and "very unpleasant". Kasparov describes Short as being full of "fighting spirit".

The highest-rated player in the history of chess can afford to be generous to Britain's highest-ranking grandmaster. When the Russian meets Short at the World Chess Championship this summer he will be very confident — "I am always very confident" — but he will be aware that "Short beat Karpov [in April 1992] and I believe that anyone who beat Karpov consistently must be special".

Three years ago, when Kasparov defended his title against Anatoly Karpov, the Russian who was world chess champion from 1975 to 1985, he believes he had already expended too much energy on fighting for democracy in the Soviet Union. "I could have administered a terrible defeat to him if I had just played chess at that time."

In the run-up to the world championship against Short, Kasparov will be concentrating on chess alone. "Chess is now my primary target because against Nigel I want to show my best preparation."

His style on the chess board, which has made him a role model for many young players around the world, is aggressive and sacrificial. Kasparov's mentor and hero was the great Alexander Alekhine whose attacks, according to Kasparov "came like a bolt of lightning from a clear blue sky". Kasparov's onslaughts surge out from sacrifices which open the floodgates to waves of attacking formations, fanning out across the chess board. Short has a quiet and more classical style. How does Kasparov view his chances?

"I was not surprised by the results of Short's match against Timman. I think if you look at Short's performance in the whole World Championship cycle his victory proved that he had one big advantage, his fighting spirit. At every stage, against Gurevich in the interzonal [the first stage of the world qualifying cycle], against Speelman, Gelfand and Karpov, he won the crucial final game. It was remarkable that whenever there was a decisive game to win he won it. He showed the best fighting quality, and that's why he deserved to win."

Although Kasparov recently confessed to having lost a number of offhand games (those not played under tournament conditions) against a German computer programme known as Fritz, in serious play, under tournament conditions, his powers of concentration are so great that he laughs off challenges from computers which can run through a million moves per second. In 1989, he accepted a challenge from the world's top chess computer, Deep Thought, in order, as he put it, "to defend the dignity of the human mind". Kasparov smashed the machine by two points to zero.

When asked if there was any advice he has for those who were programming the next generation of Deep Thought, Kasparov said: "Yes, they should teach it to know when it is appropriate to resign" (the world's best computer had stumbled on for around 20 moves in a position which had long been looking hopeless).

Kasparov plans to play another match against a computer in Las Vegas next year. The programmers of Deep Thought, funded by IBM, are working feverishly to bring their machine to the point where it can calculate an amazing billion moves per second. "I think I will still beat the computer," he says. "Human champions understand strategy, they possess the ability of meta-calculation through strategic insight. Computers can only calculate so far. If something is beyond their horizon, it could become too late for them to see a trap if they are already set in a calculating path."

While Kasparov can envisage an annual competition to compare the strength of the human World Chess Champion with that of the world champion chess computer, he cannot imagine himself playing the brilliant 16-year-old Judit Polgar for the world championship. Polgar had a tremendous success in Britain's strongest tournament, at Hastings this year, when she beat Evgeny Bareeve, the Russian grandmaster, twice. But, "Judit will never be world champion," Kasparov says. "She has had some unique successes, her achievements are quite unbelievable and, by becoming the world's youngest-ever grandmaster she has increased our understanding of human potential.

"The level of chess that Judit has achieved was never predicted for women. However, I think that at the top level chess ability is important, but another factor is fighting spirit, and here men have the advantage. Of course, that's in the process of changing now, but it's very difficult to change something in 20 years."

Last year the mercurial American Bobby Fischer emerged from retirement to win a re-match against his old rival Boris Spassky. The match was held in Belgrade, with a world $5 million prize fund, but under controversial circumstances: Fischer had been ordered by the US State Department not to break sanctions by playing in Belgrade. Fischer hurled insults at most of the Russian grandmasters, including Karpov, Korchnoi and Kasparov.

"I feel very sorry for the guy," Kasparov says. "Of course Fischer in 1972 was far ahead in chess, and we owe him a great debt. Twenty years ago the Fischer-Spassky games were a subject of very serious education and analysing. Now, these games that they played in Belgrade last year, that was a swamp, not a very bright point in chess life. Nobody is going to study those games."

If Fischer were to challenge Kasparov, would he play? "I think the world would like to see the match, but it is hypothetical, because according to Fischer I would have to challenge him for the world title. I always said if the money is legal, and the country is civilised and the conditions are right, I would consider such an invitation as a present for my children — I mean the prize money, of course." Jezdimir Vasilievich of the Yugoskandik bank in Belgrade, the promoter of the Fischer-Spassky match, has offered $5.6 million for the Kasparov-Short World Championships if it is held in Belgrade or Sofia.

There has been another offer to stage Kasparov's match against Short, from the Spanish city of Santiago de Compostela. The British Chess Federation regards both bids as invalid due to the fact that neither contained a bank guarantee for the full cost of the match and that Serbian financing would be subject to sanctions. Manchester, and some other cities in the UK, are trying to throw their hats into the ring at the last minute. If successful, Britons may see Kasparov at first hand, and with a British grandmaster as his opponent.

● *Tomorrow, as a guest of The Times and Simpsons-in-the-Strand restaurant, Kasparov visits London to play a charity chess display at Simpsons, on behalf of the Sick Children's Trust charity. Twenty-five teams of four will play against Kasparov, each donating £1,000 to the charity. In addition, members of the public who donate £100 can challenge the celebrity chess players present, among them three British grandmasters: Michael Adams, Jon Speelman and Dr John Nunn. Spectators can purchase tickets at £25. Both spectators and individual challengers should ring the Sick Children's Trust (071-404 3329) to reserve a place. The display commences at 5pm.*

Meat, medicine — and the battle for young minds

Lobbyists and scientists are squaring up in the classroom

An educational video available from the Meat and Livestock Commission traces the marketing of pork leg steaks from initial consumer research through to the scene where a family of four tucks into the new dish. At no point in the 15-minute film is there so much as a glimpse of a pig.

Material from SCREAM, the School Campaign for Reaction Against Meat, features plenty of pigs though not in recipe form. One poster shows them in narrow pens with the caption: "Can you imagine being locked in a classroom in semi-darkness, unable to move from your desk, turn around or even go to the toilet — for months on end! Now you've an idea what factory farms are like."

The battle for the hearts, minds and stomachs of the young has moved into the classroom in a big way. All sides are spending substantial sums producing books, videos, resource packs for teachers and project information for pupils; most also offer specialist speakers.

A measure of the intensity of the campaigning has been the launch of a school textbook which puts the case for medical experiments on animals. *The Search for Health*, which cost more than £100,000 to develop and distribute, was sponsored by the Research for Health Charities Group, a body representing 12 of the large research charities in the United Kingdom.

Myc Riggulsford, the information officer, says: "Animal-rights activists are inundating school children with propaganda and lies about medical research to the point where young people are turning against science.

"The propaganda goes on school noticeboards. It's always horrid photos of puppies and kittens and monkeys which are out of date anyway. But the activists have been saying things so loudly and for so long that society is developing the idea we can somehow do without animal research.

"These charities spent £281 million a year on research of which less than £7 million is on work using animals. They use tissue and cell culture, human clinical trials and population studies, but there comes a point where you have to find out what happens to a living system."

A free copy of the 50-page, full-colour book aimed at 12 to 15 year-olds has been sent to heads of biology departments in every secondary school in Britain. Mr Riggulsford says the group would like to develop something for use in religious studies, English or personal and social education lessons where such debates are often conducted. "PSE is the most resource starved area and animal rights is one of the most popular topics. But it's often harder for a non-science teacher to assess the truth."

Both Animal Aid and the Vegetarian Society, which runs SCREAM, say their arguments are based on fact, albeit emotionally expressed. Iain Green, the campaigns officer for Animal Aid, says: "A world without emotion would be a terrible place but we wouldn't have survived if our appeal had only been emotional. It's backed by solid factual reason."

The organisation's video, *Their Future in Your Hands*, which cost about £10,000 to produce, covers most animal issues. It was offered free to all secondary schools last November and there have been more than 800 requests for it.

"It does have a couple of not very nice scenes of pigs being herded into abbatoirs and a rabbit being given a toxicity test," Mr Green says. "But they are brief and not too harrowing. If you make it really horrific you upset the children."

He says there has been a "tremendous upsurge" in schools material in the past two years. A third of the organisation's 15,000 membership is aged between 11 and 18. "Most of this is pupil-led, though teachers approach us for material and for speakers. We certainly aren't going in underground in schools, pushing our stuff. We don't need to."

The Vegetarian Society has expanded the number of volunteer school speakers from 15 six months ago to 90 and according to the youth education manager, Sean McElherron, "can still barely cope with the demand. The meat industry has a huge amount to spend, we are here to put the other side. We are taking the issue right into the classroom.

"We get 600 letters a week from children from the ages of five to 18. In December we launched a teaching pack and sent it to every secondary school. Requests for more are coming in at two a day. We also have a campaign called Choice about getting a decent vegetarian school meal.

"Of course there are big questions about what you should tell children but we argue that if people are old enough at 14 or 15 to know about sex and drugs and Aids they have a right to know about something as basic how their food is produced," Mr McElherron says.

Eighty per cent of enquiries come from girls. Mr McElherron says the society is aware of the dangers of fuelling their sensitivities about food at an age when they may be vulnerable to dietary fads. "You must not put them off eating meat without providing nutritional information as a back up."

Shirley Ascough, the consumer information and education manager for the Meat and Livestock Commission, has a department with a budget of £250,000 a year and runs a team of home economists who give talks in schools. The range of topics and the degree of interest has expanded considerably in the past couple of years: food issues are now debated in economics, business studies and geography lessons. The MLC also produces a pack for primary schools: 60,000 have been sent out since it was launched six months ago.

"I think teachers are very grateful in the main. It may be that they're taking it in these hard times because it's free but I don't see any harm in that."

Barbara Monks, the head of food/technology at Hitchin Girls' School in Hertfordshire which has 1,000 pupils, sends off for "loads of resource material. It generates debate and discussion. I thought the MLC booklet which was mainly about nutrition was pretty balanced. The material from the Vegetarian Society seemed more biased and was full of awful pictures."

Marie Gardner, an English teacher at Radcliffe School in Milton Keynes, invited speakers from the MLC and the Vegetarian Society to talk to a class of 12 and 13 year-olds in preparation for a "campaigns day" at the school.

"I think they were a bit bored by the MLC which was mainly statistics. The vegetarianism was very well-presented and the children were probably more sympathetic to it anyway. But the children who ate meat before continued to do so afterwards," she says.

Most teachers say they are only channelling an existing interest in the subject. Mrs Monks says "these subjects are current issues in society and I think pupils benefit by addressing them".

As for over-burdening children with the problems of the world, she says: "It is important to keep things on an even keel. When there's a big issue, such as a famine, you're going to have special assemblies on it and a lot of the sad side of life. But when that's been happening we try then to have some happier themes."

LIZ GILL



Drawn in: the case for medical experiments on animals from The Search for Health

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Into the face of suffering

Neither doctors nor dentists can explain the medical condition known as idiopathic facial pain. Aileen Ballantyne reports

Dentists are familiar with pain, and with patients whose tooth or jaw ache appears to have no physical cause. So it seems fitting that researchers at a British dental hospital are taking significant steps in our understanding of pain.

Recent research at the Eastman Dental Hospital, London, and Hammersmith Hospital, also in London, has found that some people are more vulnerable to pain, due to a defect in the way in which their body deals with chemicals produced in response to stress. In such people, the part of the brain that is linked to emotional response to pain and danger is also more active than normal.

This method of dealing with stress, and focusing attention on pain, is the most likely explanation for a syndrome from which about a third of us suffer at some point in our lives: idiopathic (or unexplained) facial pain (IFP).

The discovery, full details of which will be published soon, gives important clues to the nature of pain and the "gate control" system it must pass through in order to enter our central nervous system. This theory, first put forward in 1965, sees pain as being an emotion. Since then, much of the medical research on pain has been driven by an attempt to understand more about this process and to explain why, in some situations, even acute pain from terrible injuries can be "held back" by the sufferer. For example, about 40 per cent of people attending casualty with serious injuries feel no pain at all for several hours.

> 'Patients appear to express their emotions through their faces'

Dr Douglas Justins, a consultant anaesthetist and the director of the pain management centre at St Thomas' Hospital, London, points out that the circumstances in which pain is experienced can make an enormous difference to the way the sufferer feels it. For example, Sir Ranulph Fiennes and Dr Michael Stroud, the Antarctic polar explorers, have lived with the the pain of frostbite, infection and severe weight loss for much of their 95-day trek. Dr Justins argues that their sense of purpose and ambition to beat world records may have allowed them to cope with their pain while they were fixed on that goal.

"I imagine they started to be in pain after about the first six hours of their trek, but the circumstances they found themselves in when they were experiencing it meant they responded to it differently. They weren't 'catastrophising' it, and they knew it was not going to go on for ever,' Dr Justins says.

But for thousands of people, such as war amputees, rheumatoid arthritis and chronic back-pain sufferers, pain is continuous, and serves no apparent purpose in telling the sufferer to cease the pain-causing activity. The new findings throw important light on the mechanisms behind this form of pain.

The research team has found that many patients suffering from IFP appear to have a defect in the way their body metabolises the stress-related chemical, tyramine sulphate, which belongs to the same family of hormones as adrenalin.

In an experiment with volunteers, carried out as part of their research, the Eastman doctors found that most of us excrete about 15 per cent of the tyramine we create. In those who suffer from chronic IFP, however, the amount excreted is much less, suggesting that some is being left behind and, in a process as yet not fully understood, is interacting with stress. "We all suffer stressful events at some time in our lives," says Malcolm Harris, a professor of maxillofacial surgery at the Eastman, Britain's postgraduate dental centre. "In some of us, this causes no reaction, but in others it seems to trigger a reaction which shows up in facial pain."

The new discovery follows previous work by other doctors several years ago, which showed there was a true clinical cause for depression, in that patients who suffered from depression also metabolised tyramine in a defective way. Although they do not yet fully understand how this complex interaction process works, the new study shows this defect in the metabolism is an important "marker" for pain as well as depression.

Although chronic IFP patients are not usually suffering from depression, studies have shown that about seven out of ten such patients get relief from their pain with anti-depressants, so that when the biochemical cause of the problem is dealt with the pain disappears, or diminishes. Anti-depressant drugs are believed to work on depression and pain by correcting the levels of serotonin, noradrenaline and endorphins, which control both.

"These patients appear to express their emotions through the aches and pains in their faces," says Dr Charlotte Feinmann, the hospital's liaison psychiatrist. "Although they may also complain of other pains — such as muscle cramps, tension headaches, back pain, pelvic pain or itching skin — it is the facial pain which appears to become the focus of their problems."

In a joint study with doctors at the Medical Research Council's Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Unit at the Hammersmith Hospital, in London, the Eastman researchers found visual proof that chronic IFP is real. "This type of unexplained pain is of emotional origin, but the PET scans show that there are real changes in the brains of such patients," Professor Harris says.

The joint study shows that, when their hands were heated to the point of pain, but not injured, those suffering from chronic IFP showed more activity in the anterior cingulate cortex and associated areas of the brain — the parts concerned with attention to pain and reaction to danger — than those without the condition. The researchers plan to carry out further tests on other types of chronic pain patients, such as back-pain sufferers, to see if their pain "mechanism" is also unusual.

Although about one in three of us have IFP at some time, only about one person in 30 is likely to suffer so badly that they will seek medical attention, usually from their dentist. Although the condition is thought to be suffered in about equal numbers by men and women, as with many medical conditions, about four times as many women seek help as men.

Dr Feinmann points out that investigations for such patients are expensive for the NHS. "The trouble is there are so many specialists IFP patients can see, ranging from dentists, neurologists, ear, nose and throat specialists to maxillofacial surgeons," she says.

One such patient, a proud father whose daughter had just achieved a first-class honours degree, started complaining of acute numbness in his back teeth after his daughter decided to take off for southern America with her female lover instead of pursuing a brilliant career.

After undergoing extensive and expensive neurological tests he was referred to the Eastman, where he was prescribed anti-depressant drugs, although he was not depressed. They worked, and he eventually overcame the problem.

He was one of the lucky ones. The researchers have found that chronic IFP sufferers often find themselves subjected to a series of invasive and painful surgical investigations and treatment — including the removal of many or all of their teeth due to persistent "toothache" — before dentists and doctors finally decide there is no more that can be done for them. Many patients also refuse to accept that there is no treatable physical cause for their problem, such as misaligned teeth or a gum disease.

If, however, they can accept the concept of stress-related pain, the combination of cognitive pain therapy (see box, right) and anti-depressant drug treatment can effectively get rid of the pain.

In a bid further to understand how best to treat chronic IFP patients, the Eastman is just starting a two-year trial, funded by the health department at a cost of £75,000 and involving 120 patients who will receive either cognitive therapy, drug treatment or a combination of both.

The fact that this pain focuses on the face does not surprise researchers. The face is our public presentation to the world. Dr Feinmann concludes: "For many chronic IFP sufferers the most important thing is understanding the association between their life and the pain, and understanding that this pain is real, not imagined."

TED BATH



Doing his best not to hurt: dentist Dr Joe Rich goes up against his patient's pain threshold in the chair of healing

BREAKING DOWN THE PAIN BARRIER

COGNITIVE therapy was introduced in America in the 1960s as a treatment for depression. In the 1980s in Britain, the method was developed for use in patients with untreatable chronic pain by Dr Shirley Pearce, a senior lecturer in psychology at University College, London, who is working on the Eastman research project for chronic idiopathic facial pain (IFP).

Cognitive therapy forms part of the programme available to pain sufferers at NHS pain clinics and is already used successfully for many other forms of intractable chronic pain, such as back and rheumatic pain. For most patients, the pain they suffer is ruling their lives, and pain-killing drugs, acupuncture and chiropractic treatments have not worked.

Cognitive therapy involves breaking the vicious circle which allows pain to take over.

Sufferers may withdraw from activities they enjoy because of pain. This leads them to pay greater attention to their body, until the pain overwhelms them.

Facial pain volunteers in the Eastman research project will have five one-hour sessions one-to-one with specialists who will attempt to "restructure" their approach to pain and get rid of the automatic response when the pain starts "here we go again, I'm really in trouble it's going to go on and on and start all over again", which makes them more stressed, and the pain worse.

Patients are taught relaxation techniques and to respond to pain by, for example, saying to themselves: "I am in terrible pain, but I am having that pain lying on a beach."

They are also taught stress reduction techniques to use at work because stress makes chronic pain worse.

Her birth in his hands

There are now more than 50 male midwives in this country, but are they suited to the work?

It is ten years ago next month since Kenneth Clarke, the then health minister, announced that the last restrictions on men wishing to train and practise as midwives would finally be lifted in the United Kingdom.

The word "midwife" does not specifically relate to the sex of the person delivering the baby — a literal translation is "with woman" — but to many midwifery was (and still is) a rightfully female occupation. The government made the announcement only under threat of litigation from the European Parliament, on the grounds that they were contravening EC directives on equal opportunities. Midwives were also uneasy about this development, fearing a male take-over of their management hierarchy, similar to the one they had seen in nursing.

A decade later no such take-over has occurred. Last year, out of 35,000 practising midwives in the UK, only 53 were male. This was an increase over the previous year's 36, but still leaves a female to male ratio of about 660 to 1.

Doug Charlton was one of the first men to train and qualify after the lifting of restrictions. Like most male midwives he entered midwifery from nursing. He has recently moved to Rugby from Liverpool to take up a post in senior management, and says that, in spite of there being no discrimination, it is still harder for a man to be accepted than a woman. "Even in clinical practice, once they [male midwives] have qualified, they're constantly having to prove themselves. There's always somebody prepared to say, 'I told you so'."

> Someone who is kind, sympathetic and gentle with women is far more important than what sex they are

Although most female midwives regard their male colleagues with an open mind, often with actual approval, there are still those who think that no matter how good they may be as individuals, men as a whole should not be allowed to practise.

"It's a political issue, not a personal one," says Nicky Leap, an independent midwife based in London. "You can have a situation in childbirth where a woman is attended by a male doctor, a male midwife, and a male partner. Three men. It just can't be right." She readily admits that some men make excellent midwives. Even so, she thinks that the EC got it wrong, and that midwifery should have been an exclusion from the Sex Discrimination Act. "I don't think it's sexist to exclude men from a female profession, given what sexism means in our society — an imbalance of power," she says.

Opponents of male midwives suggest there is the potential for an abuse of power at a time when women are emotionally and physically vulnerable. But there have been no cases of abuse concerning male midwives brought before the professional conduct committee; in fact their behaviour is often described as exemplary. Nevertheless, Gary Saunders, a state registered nurse in occupational therapy, says it was this anxiety that prevented him from becoming a midwife. "A woman is never going to know what a male midwife is about," he says. "Is he doing more than he should? Is he touching her more than he should? What's going through his mind?" While this worry may also apply to a male obstetrician, a woman may only see him during early pregnancy, whereas a midwife is always present at the birth. Mr Saunders believes that a truly empathetic man would not risk subjecting a woman to this fear and unease.

Doug Charlton and Jo Schneider, a male midwife working in Greenwich, say they are conscious of the difficulties involved and of the importance of their client's feeling. "Because I'm in a small minority, it's been possible, if somebody has said 'Look, I'm not happy with this', to say, 'I can easily hand over to somebody else if you prefer not to be looked after by me'," Mr Schneider says.

All women have the right to change their midwives, regardless of sex. Male midwives see the fact that they are rarely asked for an alternative as a vote of confidence but opponents point out that since a woman is often in labour before she knows who her midwife will be, staffing levels could make changing impractical. More importantly, they say that few people would have the courage to make such a request, and that for some women — those from certain ethnic backgrounds, or who have been victims of sexual abuse, for instance — being cared for by a male midwife could prove traumatic.

Soo Downe, a research midwife in Derby, believes that many of the problems could be avoided if a woman was allowed to get to know her midwife — male or female — sooner than is possible at present.

"A woman who is newly pregnant is much less vulnerable than when she's in labour, obviously. So if you have a system whereby women can make a relationship with their care-givers at a very early stage in the pregnancy then I think we might be getting somewhere," she says.

But not everyone sees the issue of gender as a problem. Mr Charlton has only encountered one woman who objected to his presence, and that was when he was a student. The woman also refused to have a female student attend her. "Women in labour really don't care if you're male or female. Someone who is kind, sympathetic and gentle with them is far more important than what sex they are," he says.

Male midwives are not a new development. In Victorian England, for instance, men were more popular as midwives than women, who did not have the same access to training. Naturally, this did not make for good relations and eventually led to a female-dominated midwifery profession, and the male-dominated field of obstetrics.

The arguments about allowing men at the birth, however, are unlikely to be as heated as they were over one doctor in 16th-century Hamburg. At a time when midwives jealously guarded their secrets, he was so determined to observe a delivery that he disguised himself as a woman to gain entry to the "lying in" room. The reaction to his discovery was equally extreme. He was burnt at the stake.

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Colour, camouflage and vitiligo

POP star Michael Jackson's denial that he has been deliberately changing his skin colour has got the world talking about skin lightening diseases. In an interview with Oprah Winfrey, the shy icon did not name the disease that he claims destroys his skin colour but his dermatologist has confirmed in *The New York Times* that Jackson suffers from vitiligo.

☐ Vitiligo is a condition that destroys the skin's pigment cells (melanocytes). The absence of these cells causes white blotches on the face and body — commonly around the eyes, mouth, backs of hands, groin or armpits.

☐ Contrary to popular belief, the disease does not only affect Afro-Caribbeans, although the darker the skin the more pronounced the white patches look. Dr Thomas Stewart, a dermatologist at Southport and Formby District and General Hospital, says: "It affects all races but obviously it sticks out like a sore thumb on black skin."

☐ Vitiligo affects men and women in equal numbers and it is estimated that there are around 50 million sufferers worldwide and half a million Britons with the condition.

☐ Other than the white patches, a vitiligo sufferer is perfectly healthy. Where there is no pigmentation, however, the skin has no protection from harmful ultra-violet rays in daylight. There is a risk of skin cancer so patients are advised to keep out of the sun and to use an ultra-violet protection cream. But, Dr Stewart says, "I have never come across a vitiligo patient in Britain who also has skin cancer. There is a higher risk in tropical countries."

BOTTOM LINE

☐ The genetic basis of vitiligo is not known but there is a 40 per cent chance of contracting the disease if there is a sufferer in the family. It can occur at any time but is likely to appear in childhood, usually before the age of 20. The basic cause of vitiligo is also still unknown. Research suggests it could be triggered by stress, emotional trauma, a severe burn or an accident.

☐ There is no cure for vitiligo. "There is a degree of spontaneous repigmentation but this is usually minimal," Dr Stewart says. "Once you have vitiligo, you are usually stuck with it." Photochemotherapy or PUVA (psoralens used with ultra-violet A) is sometimes used as a treatment. Here patients take drugs (psoralens) followed by controlled exposure to ultra-violet light.

This method can cause pigmentation but the colour is rarely sustained. Topical steroids can sometimes enhance pigmentation but their use is limited and can cause the skin to thin. Researchers are currently examining herbal treatments for the disease.

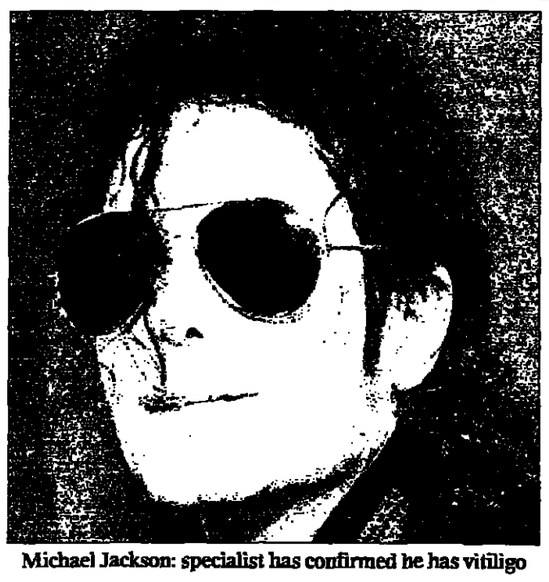
☐ Camouflage is recommended as the best way of coping with vitiligo. Corrective make-up can either be prescribed or bought and is said to be effective as a cover for the face.

☐ The Vitiligo Society was set up in 1985 as a support group for sufferers in Britain. With a membership of 2,000, the society organises seminars and encourages research. According to its administrator, Margaret Bown, the main problems for vitiligo sufferers stem from a lack of public awareness about the disease.

"People have been known to lose their jobs because of the misconception that it could be infectious. Children can become very withdrawn and lacking in self-confidence because they are taunted by their school mates," she says. "The public needs to be educated about vitiligo."

GRACE GILMORE

● *For further information send a large s.a.e. to The Vitiligo Society, 97 Avenue Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4RX.*



Michael Jackson: specialist has confirmed he has vitiligo

Lynne Truss



■ You don't have to be loved as a prerequisite for Pancake Day, just handy with a whisk

The historical Saint Valentine was clubbed to death, you know. And now, 17 centuries later, by means of one of those great arching ironies to which history is so partial, the rest of us are being clubbed to death by St Valentine's Day. We are bludgeoned with love, and I am not sure I like it. Formerly St Valentine's was one of those optional festivals, like Septuagesima, which you could celebrate at your own discretion. It was also, I always thought, associated with the finer, more delicate aspects of love: tremulous, unspoken, violet-scented. But a heavy hand in a red velvet glove has taken care of such love-heart nonsense, and St Valentine's has turned overnight into an excuse for relentless Channel 4 extravaganzas featuring wall-to-wall exhibitionism and rumpy-pumpy. A certain grossness, it must be said, has poked its way into the sweet satin folds of the romance, and "Be my Valentine" is no longer a wistful request.

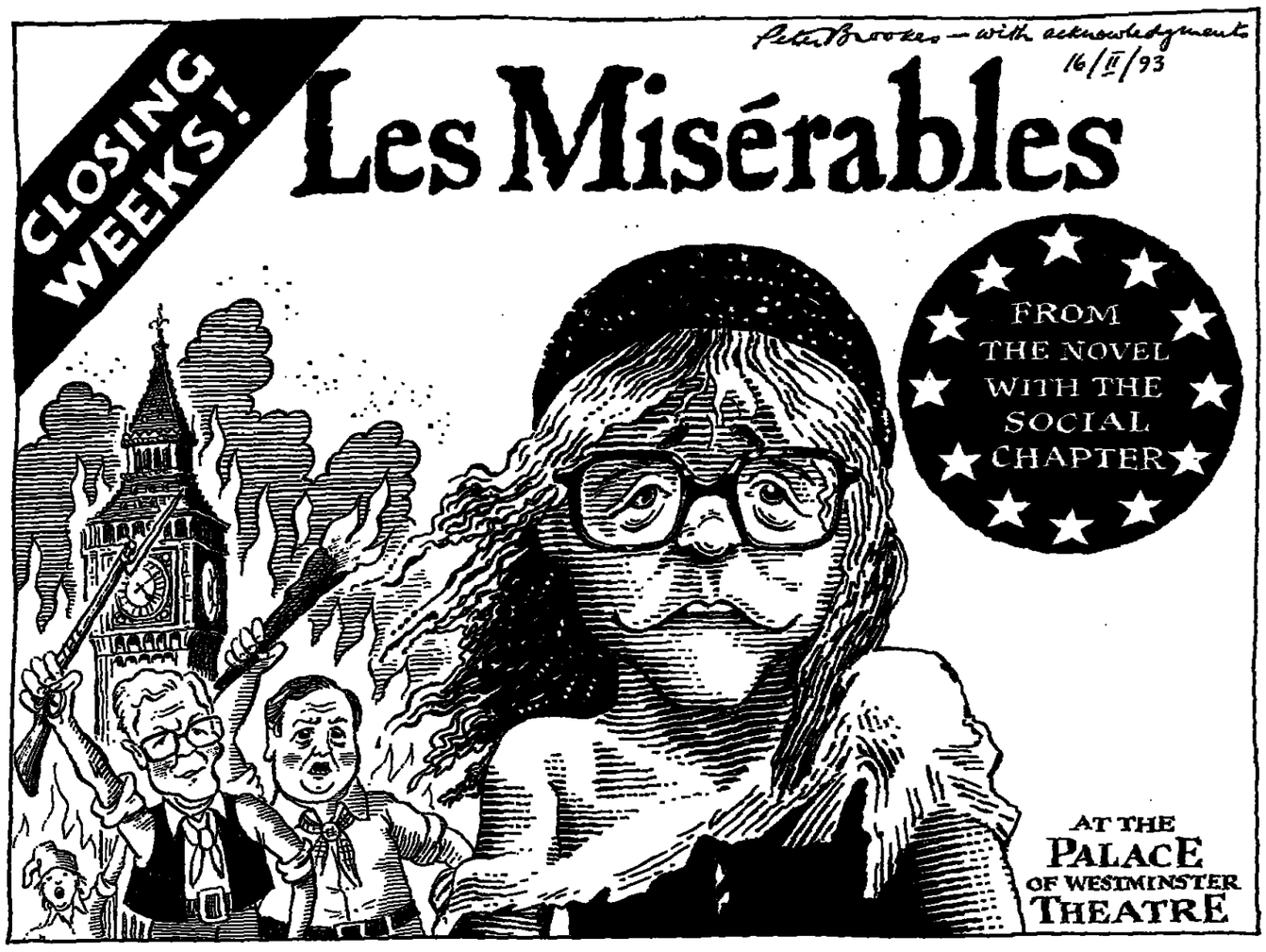
Isn't February depressing enough, without this? Channel 4 sent me a little bottle of massage oil in celebration of the "Love Weekend" and I have been thinking seriously about drinking it. But leaving aside all the arguments on behalf of lonely stay-at-homes (and romantics) dismayed and alienated by frank, endless sex-talk on the telly, isn't it just spit-awful to find yet another date in the calendar turned irrevocably into an imperative national event, demanding special film seasons on the box? I mean, where will it end? It was actually a surprise, on Monday to see the world return to normal, with the banks open, and people going off to work. "No holiday, then?" I breathed in relief, thankful for the small mercy.

Personally, I am now dreading next week's Pancake Day, for fear that the TV channels will be given over to a "Night of Batter". I hardly dare open my *Radio Times*: BBC2, 7.50pm: a short irreverent history of the Jif lemon.
8pm: an in-depth profile of modern artists whose chosen medium is pancake-and-gouache.
Midnight until 4am: an acclaimed sobering French movie about the unremembered crêperie wars that shook Paris during the Occupation.

Channel 4, meanwhile, could fill a studio with talentless ugly nude people with frying-pans on their heads, extracting endless nervous hilarity from the word "toss". It could all happen; I sincerely believe it. Something for everyone, that's the principle of these theme nights; only unfortunately it usually comes out curiously awry, as everything for someone.

I said I would leave aside the special-pleading arguments about lonely stay-at-homes struck downhearted and dismal by the excesses of this past weekend, but the pancake analogy somehow invites them back to the forefront again. Because — well, it's obvious. While for single people (and people not happily in love, which is a different category that includes nearly everyone) the whole dark, heaving Valentine event is so dispiriting it makes the depression of Christmas seem like a hayride to a clambake. Pancake Day requires no special personal circumstances for its enjoyment, and is therefore, actually, a better cause for celebration. Hm, I may be on to something. I mean, you don't have to be "lurved" as a prerequisite for Pancake Day, just handy with a whisk. I have never thought of it this way before, but the pancake is obviously a great leveller. Old and young, ugly and beautiful, we can all roll them up and squirt them with lemons — and if we choose not to, it's not because there is anything wrong with us.

It is sad to think how St Valentine's is going — but on the other hand, the hell with it. You've got Shrove Tuesday to look forward to. Moreover, there is still time to record a short sequence on video describing your first pancake, your ideal pancake, your lost pancake, or the final pancake that left you feeling a bit sick and sorry for yourself. And the funny thing is, that compared with many of the dreary sexual relationships displayed and analysed on the "Love Weekend", your pancakes will probably appear to have colour, individuality, interest — and above all, depth.



Freedom, Chinese-style

If Hong Kong becomes a vast prison camp because people in high places willed it so, may they never sleep soundly again

Bernard Levin

If anybody (in the Foreign Office, for instance) thinks that the fate of Hong Kong will in time be forgotten, let me assure him that by me at least it will not. In the matter of my beloved Hong Kong and its people I cannot be shaken off, and when I contemplate the monstrous crime that has been planned against those wonderful, hard-working, betrayed people — there are five million or so of them — I hang on. The dreadful truth is that five million human beings who have long lived in freedom are going to be sold into bondage — no, the words are *not* too strong — and sold, moreover, by the British government to a state that knows nothing of freedom. Could Pharaoh himself have behaved worse?

I join nothing; but I can admire and lend a hand, which is to say that the admirable organisation called (in Roman letters) XIX, has turned its scrutiny on Hong Kong. XIX, you should know, is thus called because it exists to uphold Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which reads: "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression: this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers."

As I hear you say, the world at present falls somewhat short of that ideal; but that is not a reason for abandoning it. And in case there is a temptation to believe that the stone will never be rolled up to the top of the hill, here comes a group who scorn such pessimism, while at the same time laying out, calmly and with scrupulous documentation, the wickedness that lies in wait for freedom in Hong Kong.

The dossier has been compiled jointly by Article XIX and the Hong Kong Journalists Association, and the first thing a reader of it has to understand is the extent to which, over the years, the British government has whittled away a great deal of the living wood of freedom. There are very many statutes in force which restrict free expression, and I might as well list nine of the most dangerous:

The Emergency Regulations Ordinance, which gives the government powers to censor all media without redress.

The Official Secrets Act, which denies a defendant a "public interest" defence.

The Crimes Ordinance, which covers treason and sedition, but which covers them dangerously widely.

The Broadcasting Authority Ordinance, which has the power of censorship.

The Television and Telecommunication Ordinances, which have powers of prior censorship.

The Film Censorship Ordinance, which in practice means that films shall not displease China.

The Summary Offences Ordinance, which can be used to prevent the use of a loud-hailer at a meeting, even if the meeting is entirely peaceable.

Immigration regulations, which can be and have been used to keep out of Hong Kong people who might criticise China.

As you can see, Hong Kong could do with a good dose of Article XIX, but if that is what Britain is doing to Hong Kong now, what do you suppose the Chinese rulers will do when, in 1997, the Chinese troops march in, monarchs of all they survey?

Those interested in the fate of Hong Kong will have seen, over many months, the way in which the Chinese authorities have been squeezing the rights that the people of this peaceful land were promised in the agreement that recorded their fate. Using, among other weapons, the mildly outspoken comments of the governor, Chris Patten, they have been making terribly clear that despite the freedoms promised, the standards of what passes for freedom in China will prevail.

For instance, the Basic Law, on which the fate of Hong Kong rests, ensures all the claims of democracy, but the Chinese have made clear that those claims are subject to their interpretation. Again, the question of subversion has arisen; the Chinese definition of it, and the use they can make of it, could be the death of any kind of freedom in the new Hong Kong.

Another breakwater was the Bill of Rights; it preceded the Basic Law, but as the report says "The Chinese government ... quickly made clear that any such legislation may be amended or repealed ... ". As for Article 16 of the Declaration of Human Rights, which states "Everyone shall have the right to hold opinions without interference", Chinese law says that freedom of expression "may not infringe upon the interests of the state, of society and of the collective"; how long would Article 16 survive under such restriction?

But how long would the agreement itself — the very document which describes in detail the way Hong Kong will be governed — how long would it be before the Chinese rulers tear it up? This is not just an absurd possibility, put up to make the flesh creep: Look at the Chinese constitution, and you will find, proudly blazoned in chapter two, Article 35, which states that "Citizens of the People's Republic of China enjoy freedom of speech, of the press, of assembly, of association, of procession and of demonstration".

The Chinese rulers must certainly have studied Stalin, Stalinism and the dupes of the West who eagerly adopted both, for of course the citizens of China enjoy none of the rights there outlined, and if such madness or cynicism can be put forward as the reality of China, what hope does Hong Kong have?

About as much as the Chinese people, presumably. To make the point fully, I quote again from the XIX report: "Freedom of expression in the media is tightly controlled by party and state regulations. Almost the entire spectrum of China's huge and unwieldy media — from national television to obscure book publishers — is managed by the State ... The media's function is to serve the interests of the people and socialism and, by extension, those of the party which embodies these interests as the guardian of the people's democratic dictatorship ... so carrying news and information is subordinate."

"One country, two systems"; that was the silly slogan that was supposed to make a smooth passage for Hong Kong's incorporation into China. There may be an economic system recognisable as such in the West, because the prosperity of Hong Kong could teach the Chinese a great deal about material advancement and how it is achieved. But it is madness to believe that the other half of the two systems will contain a democratic system tolerated by the Chinese rulers.

How could there be? Freedom is contagious and infectious; there are five million people in Hong Kong, and about one billion in mainland China, but if the Chinese rulers think that the billion communist helots are going to turn the five million freemen and freewomen into what *they* have had to become, there is going to be a nasty reckoning. In these matters, Gresham's Law is turned upside down, and the poison of freedom would seep, ever more rapidly, into the mass of China. The Chinese leaders, whoever they will be in 1997, will have learned that lesson.

So what remains?. Not long ago, I was talking to one of the bravest and most determined of the defenders of Hong Kong. She urged me to press for the last resort — it should have been the first resort — which is British citizenship. That would be only right, because it was the British government who stole their citizenship in the first place, the citizenship which the people of Hong Kong had long held and prized.

There would be no stampede to Britain: the citizenship would be only the lifebelt. With the passport, and knowing that they could flee intolerable oppression, they would be all the more willingly resigned to Chinese rule if it did *not* bring intolerable oppression.

At the end of the second world war, hundreds of thousands of innocent men, women and children were sent by the victorious allies, most emphatically including Britain, to a dreadful death in the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia. The argument about who gave the orders continues; I do not take sides. But if the worst happens to the peaceful people of Hong Kong, and the place becomes in effect a vast prison camp because people in high places in Britain willed it so, may those people in high places never sleep without nightmare again.

Now give way to Parliament

Nicholas Ridley on how to solve the Maastricht muddle

John Major shows a ruthless and unbending determination to get the Maastricht Treaty ratified by Parliament, although on all other aspects of policy he appears simply to want to be loved. He is not prepared to drop the eventual return of the pound to the exchange-rate mechanism, because it is a necessary condition of Maastricht. He ignores the enormous damage ERM membership has done to our economy. He is happy to leave in place the resulting uncertainty that such a prospect throws upon the future of British economic policy. He is like a reformed alcoholic who is again stocking up the drinks cupboard.

He is prepared to split his party into two. It is not just MPs who oppose the treaty — the MPs who have the courage actually to vote against the government are but the tip of the iceberg. In the country the majority of the people, and certainly of Tories, simply do not want it. Throughout northern Europe there is clearly hostility to it. Times have changed since Maastricht was negotiated.

He is prepared to let the whips in Parliament use tactics which are unacceptable. If we are not to have a referendum and must rely upon our parliamentary traditions alone, then the whips must follow those traditions too. Using constituency officers and agents, blackening career prospects and publishing details of MPs' private lives are the weapons of a secret police force, not of those giving "guidance" in a free democracy. He has even put off the vote on amendment 27 for six weeks or so in order to give the whips more time.

During the paving debate Mr Major even threatened to resign or to seek a dissolution of Parliament if he did not get his way. This time we are told that even if amendment 27 were passed there would be "no impediment" to ratification. That may or may not be correct legal advice. But it would be intolerable even to dream of ignoring the decisions of Parliament. What was the point of putting the bill to Parliament at all? It is particularly ironic since the bill removes much of Parliament's power anyway. The logic of what Douglas Hurd said in the Commons yesterday is that the government could even abolish Parliament simply by signing a treaty to that effect.

In my view, if amendment 27 is carried, the result is that the Commission and other community institutions are not legally allowed to assist the other 11 states to implement the social chapter. There can be no doubt that this would result in Britain ratifying a different treaty to the one negotiated at Maastricht. Either, as Mr Hurd originally said, this means we cannot ratify, or it means that the others will have to negotiate and ratify a new treaty. The issue could not simply be bypassed or ignored.

It almost seems as if Mr Major is prepared to override such fundamentals as the sovereignty of Parliament, the rule of law and basic democratic principles in pursuit of Maastricht. Why does he make us tear ourselves apart like this and get bogged down in constitutional crises? Why does he isolate himself from most of the British people?

The answer he gives is that we must be "at the heart of Europe" and that we must be in a position to "influence" the development of future Community policy. He believes achieving this goal is more important than the prosperity, harmony and support of the British people. His obsession with Maastricht is now shunting all other important issues into the sidings.

Yet we have no chance of influencing the development of the European Community, inspired and led as it is by France and Germany. It is clear that the French want a protectionist, anti-American, subsidised, integrated Community. They can and do obtain it by offering the Germans what they want, which is to be bound into a supranational community that will somehow prevent German bellicosity ever re-emerging. The French play on German guilt and get what they want, including the money to susidise their farmers and now an unending commitment to maintain the value of the franc. The important point now is that British "influence" will not suddenly stop this process. It will have no effect at all as the events of the last two years have so often demonstrated. Either we will be in a single currency, or we won't. We can't stop one happening.

Instead of digging himself deeper into this hole, why doesn't the prime minister take the statesmanlike way out? He could accept defeat by Parliament. His European credentials would remain unblemished. He could simply, but sadly, say that he had done his very best but was frustrated by that wretched democratic, sovereign Parliament of ours. He had a chance to do this on the paving motion last autumn, but instead he employed superhuman arm-twisting which just saved him by a majority of three votes. Amendment 27 provides another opportunity to lead Europe in a new, more constructive direction.

I cannot answer the question as to why he doesn't do it. Mr Major alone can answer it, and he should. Otherwise we must conclude that, in relation to the Maastricht Treaty alone, he is driven by some some deep psychological obstinacy, some overriding obsession.

Lord Ridley was Conservative MP for Cirencester and Tewkesbury 1959-92.

St John's, perhaps?

JOHN MAJOR, a man sometimes reluctant to discuss his academic qualifications, has been denied the chance of becoming an honorary fellow at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Such an elevation was the idea of Emma's master, Lord St John of Fawsley, but alas, the former Tory cabinet minister and current chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission failed to secure sufficient support from college fellows even to put his friend's name up for election.

It is a setback for both men. St John is one of the most high-profile masters in Cambridge, and has entertained Major at high table. As for Major, the snub is an unwelcome echo of the rather greater rebuff delivered by Oxford University to his predecessor.

Fellows at Emmanuel were tight-lipped about their failure to support their master, but it is understood that only a handful backed St John's proposal. They would prefer to elect a candidate who has a connection with the university, at the very least, if not with the college. Major, who is only a Cambridgeshire MP because of Peter Walker's boundary changes, has neither.

Just how significant Major's academic shortcomings were in the fellows' calculations remains unclear. One insider believes the financial shortfalls in higher education might have rather more to do with it.

DIARY

Back on air

LIFE is looking up for news-starved Albanians. Yesterday the BBC World Service started its first transmissions to the country for 26 years. The half-hour test transmissions of news and current affairs last until the end of the month. They are being compiled by a team of eight Albanians, all of whom lived in Albania — seven journalists and a teacher.

The first full programme, on February 28, will feature interviews with the diplomat Dervish Duma, whose voice was the first broadcast on the Albanian World Service in November 1940, and Viktor Cami, a World Service journalist for 16 years who uttered the last words (*mire u pashim*, goodbye) on January 20, 1967.

Cami, now 63, says he was "peeved" when they closed it down, "but it was the foreign office's decision, not the BBC's". Although he describes himself as not a professional journalist — "I just did it because they couldn't get anyone else" — he believes "we did a good job — mainly news reviews, commentary, pop programmes. I didn't know anything about pop music so I asked my children what they liked and we broadcast that. That was in the days when they didn't have pop music in Albania. Now they do — more's the pity."

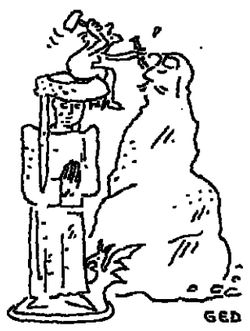
Statue lore

MORE old Etonian *Angst*, which this time finds Faith Winter, the sculptress whose statue of Bomber Harris caused so much controversy last year, the reluctant centre of another dispute.

The argument concerns a statue to commemorate the 1,900 Etonians who died in the world wars. Old Etonian Sam Scott, 66, has set up the Eton Combined Memorial Committee to campaign to erect a life-size statue of an anonymous airman by Fellows' Eyot entrance, close to the playing fields. Scott's problem is that the school's governing body opposes the idea.

"We don't have any statues in the school other than that of our founder, Henry VI," says provost Antony Acland. "It would be completely unprecedented. We already have the name of every man killed commemorated on panels in the school, and one of our pavilions was built with funds specifically subscribed for those killed in the second world war. We feel that it would be much more sensible to have some practical form of commemoration."

Winter has agreed to sculpt the statue, but is determined to keep out of this row. "It's nothing to do with me," she says, "although I'd be delighted to do it."



Crooks' club?

UNFORTUNATE this, for a man fond of introducing himself as a "published poet and socialite", but Darius Guppy is no longer a member of Brooks's, the gentleman's club in St James's still frequented by Guppy's friend Earl Spencer.

The circumstances of Guppy's departure are shrouded in traditional clubland secrecy, but many members believe he was forced to resign before his trial began.

Club secretary Graham Snell, however, insists that it was "Mr Guppy's own decision". He will not comment further, but according to one member, membership of Brooks's is simply not compatible with the rather less salubrious establishment that Guppy is soon to join. "It is pretty obvious why he can't be a member any more, don't you think? He's a convicted criminal."

But is it obvious? A glance at the club's history, shows that in days gone by Guppy would have been a pretty sound Brooks's man.

Founded in 1764, it was initially, according to *The Gentlemen's Clubs of London*, a young man's club, with high-stakes gambling being the principal entertainment — "a certain Mr Thynne retired in disgust from Brooks's because he had won only £12,000 in two months."

● *Those puzzled by the appointment of Gyles Brandreth as parliamentary private secretary to treasury minister Stephen Dorrell need only recall the raconteur's impressive performance at the Tory winter ball last week. In under 20 minutes as auctioneer, Brandreth raised £24,600 for party funds. The £50 billion required by the treasury next year is expected to take him a little longer.*

Pardon my profit

JUST AS *Serious Money*, Caryl Churchill's high-speed play about City greed captured the mood of the late 1980s, so *Killing Him*, a new play about Black (or was it White?) Wednesday, hopes to do the same for the 1990s. Written by Crispin Whittell, who graduated from Cambridge last year, it opens this week in London.

The play, subtitled "A night out at the Chancellor's expense", centres on two currency dealers who make a mint from the collapse of sterling. Whittell says: "It's a story about making lots of money and the state of the nation today."

Whittell invited Norman Lamont, but he refused to attend. "Not a surprise," says Whittell, planning to invite George Soros, who "will be able to relive those glorious moments when he was making a million quid an hour". Or was it a million quid a minute?

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END OF THE AFFAIR

The last Guinness trial should not be the last word

Mr Justice Turner, who has seen another absurdly long and costly trial lead to acquittal in his court, will today give his own comments on the future prosecution of alleged City frauds. Some conclusions, however, are already plain. The trials in the past few years have shown that, whatever the individual results, they are quite the wrong way to proceed.

In contrast to straightforward criminal swindles, many of these trials had political overtones from the start. So did some of the sentences. Both stemmed from the need to clean up the corrupt atmosphere in the City in the mid-Eighties after Big Bang and takeover boom had swept away old restraints — the authority of the Bank of England and the pretence, if not always a reality, of straight dealing. In some cases, such as the Guinness affair, vast sums and issues of genuine public interest were involved. In others, a steam hammer was used to crack a nut. The result has been chaotic failure that has frustrated the public and borne heavily on those involved whether they were found innocent, guilty or left in a state of limbo. At least a long-suffering jury was allowed to decide the case in favour of Thomas Ward yesterday: even this basic principle has not always been present.

Many reforms have been suggested, including improvements to the workings of the Serious Fraud Office and trial by judges or specially selected juries. They are not enough. These are not instances of crooks, in the traditional sense of the word, setting out to deprive investors of their money and put it in their own pockets. The system of investigation by the SFO and trial of a criminal offence needs to be swept away altogether.

The cases at issue are those where City businessmen are alleged to have broken complex business rules to gain personal or professional advantage. These crimes may be no less serious or unacceptable than traditional crookery; but they are certainly different. Under the conventional legal process, such dealings have to be judged within the straitjacket of conventional theft and fraud. The interpretation of actions and their exact criminal intent become the focus of a trial. The facts fade away. The result is always likely to be unsatisfactory.

Such cases should be dealt with instead, as in America, by the bodies set up to draw up the rules and to monitor and enforce good discipline in business. In most cases, the best deterrents are the threat of heavy fines, destruction of reputation and being excluded from business. In Britain, the appropriate bodies would be those set up under the Financial Services Act, headed by the Securities and Investments Board.

Some of these have already volunteered for the job, arguing that they have the expertise to interpret actions and, by avoiding criminal charges, need a lesser burden of proof. But if regulators are to be given greater responsibility and greater power, possibly including the extreme option of imprisoning miscreants, it is far from clear that Britain has the right kind of regulators.

The emphasis in the Financial Services Act on regulation by market professionals has the great advantage of minimising cost. But it sacrifices a degree of public confidence in the process. Members of the SIB itself have been widely criticised for being too near to their peers and too far from the public.

The clear need to end courtroom farces may well demand that Britain create something like America's Securities and Exchange Commission, staffed by professionals rather than practitioners. A growing number, even in the City, believes that this is now inevitable. The sooner that the government grasps the issue the better.

MORE BRITISH FOR BRUSSELS

Do not just blame the Eurocrats — join them

In France or Germany, the news that their nationals had won only 10 per cent of this year's places in the European Commission's examinations to recruit high flyers to its bureaucracy would be greeted with consternation. For Britain, to win 24 out of 248 places in a field of 20,000 applicants is real progress: in 1989, after nearly two decades of British indifference to its under-representation in Brussels, the proportion of British applicants had fallen to only 3 per cent.

This year's results are the first to reflect a new activism in Whitehall. In 1990, prompted by the senior British commissioner, Sir Leon Brittan, the Cabinet Office woke up to the political damage done to British interests by the dearth of able British administrators in the Commission. Britain lodged a formal complaint with Brussels against the bias in EC entrance examinations which favoured law and economics graduates — the traditional route to top grades in the civil service in France and Germany — over the generalists which Whitehall tends to recruit. In 1991, Whitehall even added a European dimension to its "fast stream" system for recruiting high flyers to the home civil service.

Under this scheme, graduates are channelled into Whitehall departments dealing with European affairs, get special training, help with preparing for the EC examinations and counselling on a career in Brussels. Whitehall is shedding its lofty disdain for the zeal with which other countries lobby for plum jobs for their nationals.

A stronger British voice in Brussels is no luxury. EC civil servants theoretically forswear national allegiance, but inevitably reflect the cultures from which they come. British representation reached its nadir just as the mass of legislation relating to the EC single market was being prepared: as a result, many draft directives overlooked British practices and interests. British professionals such as chartered surveyors and architects almost failed to have their qualifications recognised throughout the EC, simply because drafters in Brussels were unaware of the existence of Britain's chartered institutions.

British interests are ill-served if because of this, ministers repeatedly find themselves compelled to put up resistance at the last minute to proposals that have been maturing for months. This adds to Britain's negative reputation in the EC. Whitehall's new recruitment scheme, aimed at helping young British talent to make a permanent career in Brussels, can only remedy the imbalance slowly. Britain also needs to take a much more positive attitude to secondment.

British civil servants can be seconded to Brussels for around three years, and the number of these has doubled since 1989. But the Brussels machinery takes time to master. If they are to be of maximum benefit, both in Brussels and in advising on EC business on their return to Whitehall, six-year stints would be more appropriate. In contrast to the French and Germans, who make a practice of promoting staff *in absentia*, domestic upgrading while in Brussels is rare. Cushy as pay and conditions in Brussels may be, brilliant people in midcareer are bound to look further ahead.

If Britain wants to place its best and brightest people in key Brussels posts, it must ensure that a spell in the Commission comes to be seen as a short-cut to more rapid promotion. Whitehall should look outside its ranks too. The British private sector has been far ahead of government in lobbying Brussels. In this private army of lawyers, accountants and marketing executives Britain has rich potential for increasing its influence and shaping the EC's future.

STUDENT SENSE

Government and NUS are at last on consensus course

As the depressing battle over this summer's classroom tests for 14-year-olds rages on, there are signs elsewhere of a new meeting of minds between education ministers and student unions. The report issued by the National Union of Students yesterday on its future structure should clear the path to an agreement between ministers, vice-chancellors and union leaders over the introduction of voluntary membership and the end of "the last closed shop".

John Patten, the education secretary, will be announcing legislation on the NUS shortly; he should be heartened that union attitudes have changed. In the last 12 months the NUS has marginalised its far left element, tidied its procedures and acknowledged that it is not a trade union but a consumer lobby, a federation of voluntarily affiliated campus groups which should represent the interests of students in the marketplace of further and higher education.

In this spirit, the NUS's recent charter replaced tedious political cant with specific calls for college performance indicators, financial redress for students whose grants arrive late and a standard appeals procedure. Absent, however, was the recognition that automatic membership of campus unions is hopelessly anachronistic, and that student choice must include the right to opt out of the unions.

That crucial concession was made yesterday by the NUS leadership. At present, freshmen are automatically signed up to their campus unions, which are paid a per caput fee by the funding councils. Denied the choice to join or not, few students take an active interest in their unions, which become easy prey for political cabals. Under the NUS plan, students would be able to opt out of their college unions. The necessary corollary — fudged by the union — is that those who do so must be given the cash reserved by the funding councils for their membership fees, to spend as they like. This would preserve the best of the national union's infrastructure but give students the chance to look to other suppliers who offer cheaper and better services.

Mr Patten is rightly determined to curtail the national union's use of taxpayers' money to fight political battles such as last year's Target 70 campaign, which sought to mobilise the student vote against 70 predominantly Conservative MPs. The NUS, an incorporated association, now plans to seek charitable status and abide by case-law on the proper limits of its campaigning.

Mr Patten may find this a more appealing solution than to try and define "political campaigns" by statute: a task which no sensible minister would relish. The detail of the forthcoming white paper on student unions is likely to differ markedly from the NUS position; but, for the first time, a Conservative education secretary could plausibly incorporate NUS ideas. The mischievous spirit of 1968 has finally been laid to rest.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Myth and reality for Britain's pits

From Dr Keith Hampson, MP for Leeds North West (Conservative)

Sir, The report on coal by the Commons trade and industry select committee (of which I am a member) is now being cited in support of almost any proposition. For example, Winston Churchill is reported (February 12) as claiming that we say that 24 pits could be saved. We have said no such thing.

We have argued that it should be possible to use up to an extra 16 million tonnes of coal in electricity generation. But this figure depends on a range of variables: for example, the level of the generators' coal stocks and the assumption that French electricity bought by regional electricity companies (RECs) through the cross-Channel electricity link, and equivalent to 6.5 million tonnes of coal, can be totally stopped.

We believe that the present arrangements are crazy; but there are real difficulties in cutting the link, and although we suggest that the cost to the RECs of French electricity could be raised, the French might still offer lower prices, so that some RECs will still buy it.

So, if French power to the equivalent of three to four milion tonnes continued to flow, the committee's estimated extra tonnage would be very close to that in the leaked government report: between 12 and 13 million.

Nor is it a simple matter to translate tonnage into numbers of pits. The committee never did. There are specific site and market factors which will influence the prospects of individual pits: whether, for example, they are competing against imports at inland or at coastal power stations, whether they can increase penetration of the industrial and the high-value household markets, or whether north-east coast pits can break into the German market. Moreover, seven pits may come to the end of their life naturally in the next five or six years.

One other myth needs dispelling. Far from there being the "thousand years of coal", as Arthur Scargill glibly told us in committee, the evidence suggested that about 25 years of coal is accessible from our existing pits. So we felt it only sensible that every effort should be made to rip out whatever coal is accessible in any pit which does have to close.

In this very limited sense, therefore, one could say that most pits will not close immediately, allowing a breathing space for the government to promote alternative job prospects.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH HAMPSON,
House of Commons.
February 12.

Tests and teaching

From Mrs Katie Ivens

Sir, Jim Porteous maintains that English teachers' organised resistance to the national curriculum English tests for 14-year-olds reflects "their real concern for every child's best interests" (letter, February 10).

As a parent of state-educated teenagers whose teachers have not given them the command of English language and literature that is their birthright, I have been examining the tests to see if the teachers' concern is justified. I find that it is not.

The real reason why English teachers don't like the tests is because, in the words of one comprehensive school English department, "the very nature of the SATs [standard assessment tests] mitigates [sic] against the school's current mode and style of teaching".

The teachers don't like them for the very reason that parents do — because they test what teachers resist teaching: reading, comprehension, grammar, spelling, knowledge of a Shakespeare play and of an anthology largely drawn from the classics.

Teachers fear, rightly, that the tests will show them up. Mr Patten is right to stand firm. And he should go ahead and publish the results in league tables.

Yours truly,
KATIE IVENS
(Vice-Chairman, Campaign for Real Education),
49 Ordnance Hill, NW8.

Prison penalties for young offenders

From the Director of Nacro

Sir, Sending 12 to 15-year-olds to "approved-school-style accommodation" (report, February 6) would do nothing to reduce juvenile crime. When approved schools existed, 65 per cent of first offenders and 78 per cent of offenders with previous convictions were reconvicted within five years of leaving them.

Moreover, when the characteristics of offenders were taken into account, those leaving approved schools had a reconviction rate *49 per cent higher* than might be expected from their previous records. Research into other types of secure detention shows a higher probability of subsequent offending for younger juveniles.

Constructive community sentences are more likely than detention to divert most young offenders away from crime. Secure accommodation is needed for a small number of young people when this is the only way of protecting the public from serious harm; but a range of powers already exists to detain those juveniles for whom this is genuinely necessary.

A few additional local authority secure places are required in some areas to enable courts to make proper use of these existing powers. However, a new system of secure detention could mean unnecessarily locking up many more juveniles in establishments which would increase rather than reduce offending.

Yours faithfully,
VIVIEN STERN,
Director,
National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders,
169 Clapham Road, SW9.
February 8.

From the Director of the Howard League for Penal Reform

Sir, Your report (February 6) that the home secretary is planning to spend millions of pounds on building new penal establishments for children as young as 12 should raise a public outcry. It is all the more astonishing since the government's record of dealing with crime amongst the very young has been one resounding success.

The sharp fall in the number of known offenders amongst the 10 to 13-year age group of 43 per cent should be something of which the home secretary is proud. In 1985 there were 51,000 children aged 10 to 13 known to have committed offences, but this has dropped to 29,000 nationwide in 1991. The government should also be proud of the overall drop of 32 per cent in the numbers of known juvenile offenders.

The Howard League posits several reasons for this decline. Firstly, demographic changes account for some of this, as there are fewer young people in the 14 to 17-year range — but, significantly, not in the younger group.

Secondly, the imaginative and effective alternative ways of responding to young children who commit offences by police, probation and social services, the courts and the voluntary agencies has meant that they have not been forced into prisons which would have confirmed them as criminals. Instead the community sanctions and supervision have worked.

The lessons are clear. Prisons, borstals, approved schools, detention centres or young offender institutions have all had a failure rate of some 75 per cent and actually contribute to the crime rate. Humane (and let us not forget, cheap) community responses to children who get into trouble help to reduce crime rates.

Yours sincerely,
FRANCES CROOK,
Director,
Howard League for Penal Reform,
708 Holloway Road, N19.
February 8.

Somaliland deadlock

From the Director-General of the Save the Children Fund

Sir, On Sunday, February 7, the minister for overseas development, Baroness Chalker, became the first government minister from a Western nation to visit Somaliland, or north-west Somalia. Save the Children warmly welcomes this visit, and hopes that it may spur donor nations to review their position towards aiding the territory's one and a half million inhabitants.

As I learned during my own recent visit to Somaliland, efforts to maintain stability and order in the area and therefore to avoid the kind of disaster which struck southern Somalia last year have been ignored by the international community.

While southern Somalia degenerated into deep division and further conflict, resulting in a calamitous mass famine, the people of the northwest have, so far at least, always managed to defuse threatened conflicts. Its people are struggling to rebuild their lives, but amid extremely difficult conditions: their houses were destroyed, the infrastructure wrecked, and the economy ground into the sand by the civil war in 1988 and 1989, and there are precious few resources available for recovery.

Somaliland has made determined efforts to provide the basic services desperately needed by its people but these services need to be spread more widely. The authorities have no money, and the need for outside assistance is obvious.

The international community has been held back from effective action because it does not recognise the government of Somaliland, and regards Somalia as one entity. This prevents the UN agencies from being fully committed to working with the Somaliland authorities; and it carries a danger that the humanitarian arrangements made in the south may be inappropriately transferred to the northwest.

It is high time for this deadlock to be broken. There is no reason why donor governments should not work, bilaterally, to strengthen the services being provided to the people of Somaliland, irrespective of the recognition issue.

It would be absurd for Somaliland's people to have their best efforts punished by continued isolation because of a technical political problem. It would be even more absurd for them to have to wait until their territory disintegrates and food shortages loom before the outside world can begin to help.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS HINTON,
Director-General,
The Save the Children Fund,
17 Grove Lane, SE5.
February 8.

Six more MEPs

From Mr Joe Wilson, MEP for North Wales (Socialist Group (Labour))

Sir, There is no legitimate reason why all six extra seats in the European Parliament must go to England as David Butler and Roger Mortimore suggest ("Ministers agonise over new Euro-seats, February 6).

The allocation of parliamentary constituencies does not just depend on average electorates. Other dimensions, particularly regional, must be taken into account.

Should Wales remain with only four MEPs, while six new seats go to England, then each elected member from Wales will have to represent far more constituents than his or her English colleague. Similarly, Scottish MEPs would need to cover far more miles to traverse their constituencies than their English equivalents. If democracy is also about the accessibility and accountability of politicians, then this situation is not tenable.

Other countries understand this. The Maastricht treaty specifically provides for a committee of the regions to engage another tier of elected politicians in the development of Europe.

The UK government has yet to accept that elected councillors, rather than appointed place-people, should fill the seats.

The EC needs to represent the far-flung parts of the Community, and press the government to do likewise.

Yours faithfully,
JOE WILSON,
14 Post Office Lane,
Denbigh, Clwyd.
February 11.

On private lines

From Father Stephen Gasche

Sir, Two quite distinct arguments concerning the proposed privatisation of the railways are becoming merged in confusion. On the one hand, the political arguments of public v private-sector ownership are well rehearsed. On the other hand, the proponents of the transfer of our railway system to the private sector have failed to grasp that the *method* of their policy is fundamentally flawed.

Anyone with even a limited knowledge of railway operation will be aware of the impossibility of separating track and signalling from the operation of rail services. How can any private operator hope to offer a punctual and reliable service to the customer if he is at the mercy of an independent body in control of the railway infrastructure? As every rail passenger and operator knows, it is control of track and signalling which determines punctuality and reliability, and not the driver of the train or the colour of its livery.

By all means let us have a debate about the rights and wrongs of private ownership of our railways. But if we must privatise, let the government adopt the prime minister's original intention of geographical rather than functional division of the network. Such a proposal would at least have the virtue of enabling private operators to control their own services and thus serve the customers for whom the railways exist.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN GASCHE,
401/403 Ewell Road,
Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey.

From Mr Robert Adley, MP for Christchurch (Conservative)

Sir, Simon Jenkins writes a good article ("How not to run a railway", February 6); but with his experience as a former member of the BR board he is unlikely to be heeded. The creation of Railtrack — a state monopoly on which every train operator, including BR, will depend, but over which they will have no control — is probably the most serious of numerous fundamental flaws in the Railways Bill.

The unease amongst Conservative MPs stretches from Cabinet to back benches. If the Bill is enacted as presently drafted, vesting day will see a shift in blame for every late train from British Rail to government, and rightly so.

Mr Jenkins, perfectly fairly, cannot believe that I will "vote for such nonsense". His incredulity can be stilled forthwith. Unless the Bill is really radically altered, my opposition at a later stage of the parliamentary process is assured.

The Railways Bill is a recipe for conflict, in an industry where efficiency depends not only on investment but on co-operation amongst staff at every level.

Yours etc,
ROBERT ADLEY,
House of Commons.
February 10.

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Burying the dead at Goose Green

From the Reverend J. P. Hudson

Sir, As the naval chaplain who collected and arranged the initial burial of the Argentine dead, after the battle for Goose Green (May 28-9, 1982), may I put the record straight, following Hugh McManners's article, "When the killing goes too far" (Modern Times, February 2).

The views expressed by the British military chaplain do not reflect my experience of the attitude of those Falkland islanders at Goose Green without whose co-operation and active help the collection and burial of the Argentine dead would not have been possible.

The manager of the Falkland Island Company and the farm manager at Goose Green arranged for the mass grave to be excavated at Darwin. They also allowed us the use of a tractor and trailer to collect the bodies from the settlement and surrounding areas. Two local youngsters, no older than 16, drove the tractor throughout the whole unpleasant experience.

Supervision of the burial detail was done by myself, an officer of the Royal Marines and an Argentine officer, while the actual collection of the dead was undertaken by 12 Argentine prisoners of war, guarded by five Ghurka soldiers. It took us three days to accomplish the task.

The indifference of senior Argentine officers towards their dead was indeed lamentable. They had to be ordered to provide men to collect their own dead and it was left to us to list the names of the fallen, which we did. For me, the saddest aspect was the inability of the Argentine chaplain to accompany us. He had been press-ganged into the military for duty during the war and was so devastated that he was unable to face the task. Thankfully, he recovered sufficiently to assist with the burial service.

At no time during this period did I see or hear of any evidence of soldiers, either British or Ghurka, treating the Argentine dead with anything but the respect afforded to a fallen enemy. A fuller account of events appeared in *Naval Review*, January 1983.

Yours sincerely,
J. PETER HUDSON
(Chaplain, HMS *Fearless*, 1981-3),
St Mary's Vicarage,
Church Lane, Mellor,
Nr Blackburn, Lancashire.
February 2.

Sovereign remedies

From Mr Jack Smith

Sir, Do I owe my healthy breathing equipment to Fleming's Lung Healers (letters, February 1, 6, 9)? In the early 1930s my father gave me the tiny grey pellets whenever I showed the slightest symptom of a cough or cold, and also whenever the weather was particularly inclement.

Yours faithfully,
JACK SMITH,
48 Dean Road, Handforth, Cheshire.

From Mrs Frances Clemmow

Sir, My father and his two brothers, all medical students at Edinburgh in the early 1920s, used to sing a barber-shop song, which went: "Now all you people who have Grapenuts and give your neighburs none, You shan't have any of my Grapenuts when your Grapenuts are done."

In the second verse "Mother Seagal's Soothing Syrup" was substituted for the word Grapenuts; in the third, "Dr Williams's Pink Pills for Pale People"; and in the last, "Congreve's Balsamic Elixir for Coughs, Colds, Croup, Consumption and all other Pulmonary Diseases".

Yours sincerely,
FRANCES CLEMMOW,
2 Hines Lane,
Comberton, Cambridge.

From Mrs I. L. Gowan

Sir, In Nottingham in 1950 local chemists made up and sold a most efficacious children's cough mixture called Four Ha'porths. Its ingredients were honey, oil of almonds, syrup of squills and ipecacuanha wine. Its price, even then, far exceeded that suggested by its name.

Yours faithfully,
GWEN L. GOWAN,
17 Wychwood Paddocks,
Charlbury, Oxfordshire.

From Mr Francis Whitehead

Sir, A recollection of hoardings some 65 years ago:

Iron jelloids now and then,
A tonic for women,
A tonic for men
— and children too!

Yours faithfully,
FRANCIS WHITEHEAD,
15 Cleveley Road,
Allerton, Liverpool 18.

From Mrs A. Fergusson

Sir, My father saw the following advertisement in New Zealand in the early part of this century:

I lost two toes in the Mount Cook snows,
And an eye in the Tasman Sea
A hand and a jaw in a circular saw
And a limb in a falling tree.
But the pangs untold of a cough or a cold
I know I need never endure,
If I moisten my throttle in time from a bottle
Of Wood's Great Peppermint Cure.

Yours faithfully,
A. FERGUSSON,
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Ranelagh Gardens, SW6.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 15: The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Dinner given by the Ambassador of the Argentine Republic and Mrs Mario Campora, Belgrave Square, London W1.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 15: The Princess Royal this afternoon opened the new Community Drug Team Project, 71 Johnson Street, London E1, for the Association for Prevention of Addictions.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, this evening held an Industry and Commerce Group Meeting at Buckingham Palace.

Afterwards The Princess Royal, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence RN, gave a Dinner for members of the Industry and Commerce Group.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 15: The Princess of Wales this evening visited the Depaul Trust/Housing Homeless Youth.

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh, honorary fellow, will attend the annual dinner of the Chartered Institute of Building at Guildhall at 6.55.

The Princess of Wales will attend the first management forum conference on Aids at the Langham Hilton at 10.15.

The Princess Royal will open the new wing of The King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, at 11.30; as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Warner's (UK), Dabell Avenue, Blenheim Industrial Park, Nottingham, at 12.35; will open the new Nottinghamshire Archives office, Wilford Street, Nottingham, at 2.05; and, also as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Peter Geeson, Harrington Mills, Leopold Street, Long Eaton, Derbyshire, at 3.00.

The Duke of Kent, president, will visit King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers at 3.30; and, as Patron of the London Philharmonica, will attend a concert at the Festival Hall at 7.20.

The Duchess of Kent, chancellor, will visit Leeds University at 11.00; and, as patron, will visit Martin House Hospice, Leeds, at 2.00.

Birthdays today

Mr P.E.R. Bailey, former director, Gatwick and Stansted Airports, 58; Mr James Beaton, GC, 50; Mr Arthur Crook, former editor, *The Times Literary Supplement*, 81; Mr F.G.R. Cuming, painter, 83; Mr Anthony Dowell, ballet dancer, 50; Mr David Emms, director, London Goodenough Trust for Overseas Graduates, 68; Professor Jack Levy, mechanical engineer, 67; Mr John McEnroe, tennis player, 34; Sir Maitland Mackie, former Lord Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire, 81; Sir Michael Milne-Watson, former chairman, BUPA, 83; Sir John Peck, diplomat, 80; Mr Peter Porter, poet, 64; Mr John Schlesinger, film director, 67; Mr Justice Webster, 69.

Memorial services

The Viscount Massereene and Ferrard
A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of The Viscount Massereene and Ferrard will be held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Wednesday, March 17. Tickets are not required and all are welcome to attend.

Brigadier Peter Acland
A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Peter Acland will be held in Exeter Cathedral at 3.00pm on Friday, February 19.

P.F. Orchard
A Requiem Mass in thanksgiving for the life of Peter Francis Orchard, CBE, will be celebrated at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London, W1, on Tuesday, March 23, 1993, at 4.00pm. All are welcome.

Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith
There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith, KCMG, KCVO, DSO, on Wednesday, April 28, at noon in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks.

Receptions

London Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Mr Tursunvek Chyngyshev, Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan, and Mr Ednan Karabaev, Minister of Foreign Affairs, were the guests of honour at a reception held yesterday at the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Mr Ralph Land and Mr Geoffrey Bray, Chairman of the BSCC, were the hosts.

Waterson Hicks
The partners of Waterson Hicks, maritime and commercial solicitors, were hosts at a Reception held on Thursday, February 11, to celebrate the official opening of their offices at 14/15 Philpot Lane in the City of London. The guest of honour was the Right Hon Lord Justice Evans. Also in attendance were Mr Justice Colman, Mr Peter Tudball, Chairman of The Baltic Exchange, and Admiral Sir Nicholas Hunt, Director General of the Chamber of Shipping.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Bicycle built for two: the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Francis McWilliams, and Lady McWilliams pedalling in tandem near St Paul's Cathedral to launch the first of the City of London's six new on-street bicycle parking spaces, designed to provide 80 safe spots for cyclists to leave their machines

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Philipp Melanchthon, theologian, Bretton, Germany, 1497; Giambattista Bodoni, type designer, Saluzzo, Italy, 1740; Heinrich Barth, North African explorer, Hamburg, 1821; Sir Francis Galton, anthropologist and geneticist, Birmingham, 1822; Ernst Haeckel, biologist, Potsdam, 1834; Henry Brook Adams, historian, Boston, Massachusetts, 1838; George Macaulay Trevelyan, historian, Welcombe, Warwickshire, 1876; Robert Flaherty, film director, Michigan, 1884.

DEATHS: Richard Mead, physician, London, 1754; Lionel Lukin, lifeboat pioneer, Hythe, Kent, 1834; Elisha Kane, physician and arctic explorer, Havana, 1857; Henry Walter Bates, naturalist and South American explorer, London, 1892; Giosuè Carducci, poet, Nobel laureate 1906, Bologna, 1907; Leslie Hore-Belisha, 1st Baron Hore-Belisha, statesman and inventor of "belisha beacons", Rheims, 1957.

University news

Oxford
Somerville College
Elections
Margaret Irene Seymour Instrumental Award: Miss Mair Alaw Hughes, formerly of Ysgol Glan Clwyd; Pope Exhibition in English Language and Literature: Miss Kate Emma Morris, formerly of Richmond upon Thames College; Nuffield Exhibition in Physics: Miss Rebecca Stubbs, formerly of Upton-by-Chester High School.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Francis Ballinger, Team Vicar, St Andrew's, Melksham (Salisbury): to be Diocesan Rural Adviser and Priest-in-charge, Coughton w Spernall, Morton Bagot and Oldberrow (Coventry).
The Rev Colin Beevers, Curate, Ledbury and Eastnor: to be Priest-in-charge, St Michael, Bockleton; St Andrew, Leysters; St James the Great, Kimbolton; Hamnish; St Mary the Virgin, Middleton-on-the-Hill (Hereford).
The Rev Alison Bowman, Parish Deacon, Peacehaven: to be also Chaplain to the Bishop of Lewes (Chichester).
The Rev Paul Bracher, Assistant Curate, St John, Sparkhill: to be Priest-in-charge, St Richard, Lea Hall (Birmingham).
The Rev Anthony Bradley, Associate Minister, Holy Trinity, Coventry, with a special remit to develop Warwickshire's Christian Training Programme: to be Diocesan Lay Training Adviser, and continue as Associate Minister, Holy Trinity, Coventry (Coventry).
The Rev Peter Browne, Curate, Southgate (London): to be Assistant Curate (NSM), Brighton St Mary the Virgin (Chichester).
The Rev Mark Burgess, Priest-in-charge, St Paul's, Charters Towers, Queensland, Australia: to be Priest-in-charge, Coreley; Doddington; St Paul's Knowbury (Hereford).
The Rev Christopher Davidson, Director of Education (Norwich): to be Priest-in-charge, Whixley w Green Hammerton, and RE Adviser, Ripon and Harrogate deaneries (Ripon).
The Rev Greville Cross, Vicar, Inkberrow w Cookhill, Kingston w Dormston: to be also Rural Dean of Evesham (Worcester).
The Rev William Doyle: to be Curate, Hangleton (Chichester).
The Rev Ian Forrester, Chaplain, Lancing College (Chichester): to be also Commissary to the Bishop of Southern Malawi.
The Rev Canon David Grice, Rector, Seacroft Team Ministry, Vicar-in-charge of St James, Seacroft: to be Priest-in-charge, Thorner (Ripon).
The Rev Canon David Gutsell, Vicar, Patcham All Saints: to be Vicar, Polegate (Chichester).
The Rev Brian Gwinn, Industrial Chaplain, diocese St Albans: to be also Rural Dean of Hatfield, same diocese.
The Rev Martin Harper, Curate, St Leonards-on-Sea, Christ Church and St Mary Magdalen: to be also Chaplain to the Bishop of Lewes (Chichester).
The Rev Paul Harris, Team Vicar, Holy Trinity, Cheltenham (Gloucester): to be Vicar, Bitterne (Winchester).
The Rev Canon Richard Hems, Rector, Framlingham Earl, Poringland w Howe, and an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral: to be Priest-in-charge, Bixley (Norwich).
The Rev Martin Henwood, Curate, St Martin-in-the-Fields (London): to be Vicar, Holy Trinity, Dartford (Rochester).
The Rev Jeremy Horton, Vicar, Wortley de Leeds: to be Vicar, St Mary, Middleton, and remain Assistant Rural Dean of Armley (Ripon).
The Rev Michael Marshall, Vicar, St Alban, Streatham Park: to be also Rural Dean of Tooting (Southwark).
The Rev Roger Matthews, Curate, Great Baddow Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, Chigwell Row, All Saints (Chelmsford).
The Rev James Newcome, Priest-in-charge, Bar Hill: to be also Rural Dean of North Stowe (Ely).
The Rev Stephen Normanton, a Methodist Minister in the Penrith circuit and responsible for eight rural churches: to be also a member of the newly formed Rural Life and Agriculture Team (Carlisle archdeaconry).
The Rev Paul O'Gorman, Rector, Northiam: to be Vicar, Hastings Emmanuel and St Mary-in-the Castle (Chichester).
The Rev George Pendleton, Industrial Chaplain with the South Humberside Industrial Mission (Lincoln): to be Assistant Curate, Conisbrough (Sheffield).

Luncheons

HM Government
Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of Mrs Margaret N. Nasha, the departing High Commissioner for Botswana.

HM Government
Marshal of the RAF Sir Peter Harding, Chief of the Defence Staff, was host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Admiralty House in honour of General S.F. Rodrigues, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of the Army Staff of India.

Dinner

Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply
Mr Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Mr David Cann, president, was in the chair.

Election

Professor Julian Hunt to be President of the Institute of Mathematics and Its Applications. Professor Hunt is Chief Executive of the Meteorological Office.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.N.M. Brew and Miss S.J. Cordall
The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Richard Brew, of The Abbey, Coggeshall, Essex, and Susan, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs William Cordall, of Badgeworth, Gloucestershire.

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The engagement is announced between William, son of the late Mr W.G. Donaldson, of Pittsburgh, USA, and of Mrs G. Donaldson, of New Bradwell, Buckinghamshire, and Vanessa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.E. Hitchcock, of Whitchurch Hill, Oxfordshire.

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The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs Angus Harris, of Winfrith Newburgh, Dorset, and Susannah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Deighton, of Bridgnorth, Shropshire.

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The engagement is announced between Philippe, elder son of M and Mme Paul Juppet, of Lyon, France, and Helen Rosemary, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Donald Dick, of Charminster, Dorset.

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Mr J.H. Richards and Miss J.L. Pritchard
The engagement is announced between John, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Richards, of Barton, Cambridgeshire, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Howard Pritchard, of Cambridge.

Latest wills

Sir Geraint Llewellyn **Evans**, of Aberaeron, Dyfed, the internationally acclaimed Welsh opera singer, left £47,794 net.

Brigadier Robert Henry **Bright**, retd, of Yetminster, Dorset, former Director of Fighting Vehicles at the War Office and previously Assistant Director of Inspection of Fighting Vehicles at the Ministry of Supply, left estate valued at £119,659 net.

Mr Grahame Browning **Jay**, of Macclesfield, Cheshire, left estate valued at £172,996 net. He left his entire estate equally between Oxfam, Save the Children Fund and ActionAid.

Mr Jeffrey **Kelson**, of London N1, retired publisher, left estate valued at £2,095,825 net. He left £196,250 and effects to personal legatees and the residue to the Jeffrey Kelson Foundation.

Mary Letitia **Knight**, of Perranporth, Cornwall, left estate valued at £333,480 net.
She left her entire estate to the International Glaucoma Association, Kings College Hospital, London.

Mr Felix Morris **Llevin-Bauwens**, of Amberley, West Sussex, left estate valued at £876,309 net. He died intestate.

Sir Arthur Maynard Chesterfield **Jenour**, of Newport, Gwent, former head of the Aberthaw and Bristol Channel Portland Cement Co, left estate valued at £1,018,170 net.
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Mrs Jozefa **Bednorz**, of Corby, Northamptonshire, left estate valued at £205,557 net.
She left 70 per cent of her estate to the Sisters of St Peter Claver, for missionary work, and 10 per cent each to the Society of Jesus, the Cardinal Glemp Foundation and the Friends of the Catholic University of Lublin.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):
Mr Christopher Adrian **Bethell**, of London W8 .... £537,893
Mrs Nellie **Clarke**, of Chislehurst, Kent £1,764,549
Mr Stanley **Curry**, of Parkstone, Dorset £910,558
Mrs Mary Gwendoline Etheldreda **Greenwood**, of Lamberhurst, Kent £550,479
Mrs Grace Ellen **Hitchings**, of Woodford Green, Essex £681,170
Mr Henry Richard **Hodgkinson**, of Ledbury, Herefordshire £758,590
Mr Raymond Harvey **Langridge**, of Sawbridgeworth, Herts £731,218
Mrs Heather Gillian **Leach**, of Ugley Green, Essex £1,047,457
Mrs Margaret Viola **Prickett**, of Ripon, North Yorks £678,476
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St. John 3:36

BIRTHS

AL-RADI - On February 13th, at The Portland Hospital, to Mai, a beautiful boy, Saleh.

CAMPBELL-LAMERTON - On February 11th, to Mary Louise (née Thorneycroft) and Jeremy, a daughter, Poppy Camilla Mary, a sister for Harry, Alice and Olivia.

CRIDLAND - On February 12th, to Manuela and Jonathan, a son, James William Jonathan, a brother for Thomas.

GARBUTT - On January 29th, to Julie (née Coulter) and Christopher, a daughter, Alice Elizabeth Ward, a sister for Thomas.

HUNT - On 17th December in Singapore, to Agnes (née Koa) and Robin, a daughter, Isabel Mary Ying Jie.

JAMES - On 9th February at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Gill (née Desborough) and David, a daughter, sister for Freddie.

LODGE - On February 13th, to Sally (née Cummings) and John, a daughter, Cordelia Grace Cummings, a sister for Alexander.

LORIMER - On February 13th, to Lotte (née Thomas) and John, a son, Thomas Anthony Crosbie.

MACKINNON - On 12th February, in Melbourne, to Susie and Hamish, a son.

RICHARDS - On February 14th 1993, to Sarah (née Edwards) and Philip, a son, Charles Edward, a brother for Frederick.

ROBSON - On 14th February, to Susan (née Pilkin) and Andrew, a son, Jamie Alexander.

ROGERS - On February 9th in Vancouver, British Columbia, to Isabelle (née Lennon) and John, a son John Peter, a brother for William John.

SESEMANN - On February 14th, to Elaine (née Marsden) and Andrew, a son, James Michael.

SORENSEN - On February 4th, to Katharine (née Lomas) and Philip, a son, Thomas Peter Christian.

SULLIVAN - On February 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Rachel (née Purnell) and Tim, a daughter, Sophia Scarlett, a sister for Isabella.

TREVELYAN - On February 4th, to Angela and Charles, a daughter.

TUMBER - On February 12th, to Alison (née Cooper) and Neil, a beautiful daughter, Sophie Clare.

MARRIAGES

FOX:FAIRBAIRN - On 11th February, quietly in London, Harry Fox to Anne Mary Fairbairn.

SEERS:MORRIS - On Friday 12th February, at Chelsea Registry Office, Philip and Sally.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

KEVEN AND JOAN - Tanner, many congratulations on your 40th anniversary. Love Kev, Anita and Vicky

DEATHS

BARBER - John M. M.D. F.R.C.P.(E). 13th February 1993, suddenly at Seven Tides, Donaghadee. Dearly loved husband of Nan, beloved father of John, Neill and Julie. House strictly private. No letters please. Family flowers only please.

BRADFORD - On February 13th 1993, confidently serene, at home, Frederick Clement Arthur, aged 94. Beloved by, and dearest friend and husband of, Pat. Joyously remembered with deep gratitude.

BRIGGS - On 15th February, Martin Sorby aged 58, after much dedicated care at Pembury Hospital and at The Royal Brompton Heart and Lung Hospital. Beloved by his wife Margie and daughters Emma and Lucy. He will be sorely missed by his family and many friends. Simple funeral service, at his request, at St Laurence Church, The Moor, Hawkhurst, at 11 am on Thursday February 18th, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Winchester Cathedral. Details of Memorial Service to be announced shortly. 'Who would true valour see, let him come hither'.

CHAMBERLAIN - Will, on February 12th. Very special son of David and Alice and brother to Jane and Nick. A much loved friend of Sue.

CHESTERS - On February 13th 1993, Charles Geddes Coull Chesters O.B.E. PhD. F.R.S.E. in his 89th year. Emeritus Professor of Botany at Nottingham University. Husband of Cathie and father of K.I.M. and Charles. In Fairford Hospital after a short illness.

DIAMANT - On 11th February, Doreen (Dee), peacefully aged 90. Funeral Service at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Monken Hadley, on Monday 22nd February at 11.30 am followed by cremation at Hendon Crematorium, Holders Hill Road, NW7. Flowers or donations to Age Concern c/o J. Blackwell & Son, 20 High Street, Barnet, tel: (081) 449-2065.

DICKSON - Audrey. On February 14th peacefully at home after a short illness, dearly loved wife of Derek and mother of Christopher, Nicholas, Miles and James. Service at St Mary's Church, Byfleet, on Friday February 19th at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if wished to the RNLI c/o C Boutell & Son, Funeral Directors, 50 High Road, Byfleet, Surrey, tel: (0932) 345037.

FINDON - On February 10th, peacefully at Westminster Hospital, Max Arthur, aged 80, beloved husband of Jackie. Much loved father of Benjamin and Jonathan. Funeral on Friday February 19th 2.30 pm at Putney Vale Crematorium. Flowers Kenyon, 49 Marloes, London W8.

FURSMAN - On February 12th 1993, at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, Wing Cdr. Richard J Fursman D.F.C. RAF rtd., aged 72 years, much loved husband of Marian and father of Gail, Eilidh and John. Funeral Service in Insh Church Kincraig on Wednesday February 17th at 2 pm. Interment thereafter at Insh Cemetery. Family flowers only please.

GIBSON - On February 13th, peacefully in hospital, Colonel Leonard Young Gibson C.B.E. T.D., C. de G., D.L. aged 81. Loved husband of Mary, father of Sarah and Rupert. Memorial Service at St Peter's, Humshaugh, nr. Hexham, on Friday 19th February at 11.30 am. No flowers by request, donations to S.S.A.F.A.

HAMILTON - Olivia Urmston (née Seth-Smith), peacefully on February 14th at Southwold. Devoted wife of the late Arthur Hamilton C.I.E., O.B.E., M.C. Greatly loved by her family and many friends. Funeral Service on Tuesday February 23rd at St Margaret's Church, Reydon at 2.30 pm. No flowers please.

HARVEY-DAY - On February 13th, Harry Harvey-Day, 89, of Malthouse Lane, Dorchester-on-Thames, Oxon. Writer and well-known among Oxfordshire cricketers. No service. Donations if desired to League of Friends, c/o J Hill, Parsonage Farm, Berrick Salome, Oxon. OX10 6JQ.

HEARN - On 13th February, peacefully at Royal Naval Hospital Haslar, Frank Wright, much loved husband and father. Thanksgiving Service at St John the Baptist Church, Westbourne, on Tuesday 23rd February at 11.30 am.

IRELAND-SMITH - On 11th February 1993, peacefully at home after a long illness borne with much courage and good humour, Constance Barbara, much loved by her family. Service of Thanksgiving at 2.30 pm on Friday 19th February 1993 at St James the Great, Long Burton, after a private cremation. Donations if desired to Parkinson's Disease Society, c/o Eason Funeral Services, Nowell, Sherborne, Dorset, tel: (0935) 813479.

LOWE - On February 13th, peacefully at Bourton-on-the-Water Hospital, Byng, beloved father of Gillie and grandfather of Caroline and Edward. Private family cremation followed by Thanksgiving Service at St Michael's Church, Guiting Power, Glos, on Friday February 19th at 12 noon. No flowers. Donations to The Injured Jockey's Fund.

MACCONNELL ORR - On February 10th, in Edinburgh, Bunty, much loved wife of the late James MacConnell Orr, solicitor, Oban, Argyll. Beloved mother of Irene and Sandy, and dear grandmother of Alasdair, Fiona, Katie, David, Kerry, Peter and Mint. Cremated in Edinburgh on Saturday 13th February. Donations, if desired, to Save the Children Fund.

MAYCOCK - On Saturday 13th February 1993, at Addison House Residential Home, Soham, Enid, widow of Alan and mother of Jill. A Memorial Service will be held at Little St Mary's Church, Trumpington Street, Cambridge, on Friday 19th February at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for the Guide Dogs for the Blind may be sent to C.E. Fuller & Co., 23 Hall St., Soham, Cambs. CB7 5BN.

MIDWOOD - On Saturday February 13th, peacefully at home after a long illness, Colin Norris, beloved husband of Ann, dearly loved father of Fiona and the late Nicola, father-in-law of Simon and loving Papa of Georgina, Edward and Charles. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Funtington, nr. Chichester, Friday February 19th at 12.30 pm. No flowers or mourning, but donations, if wished, to Action Research, Vincent House, North Parade, Horsham, RH12 2DA.

RANGEL - Ignatius Cyprian Esq M.B.E., Barrister-at-Law expat in Aden and Hong Kong. Peacefully in Belgaum, India on 15th January 1993. Loved and remembered always by his close family and friends.

RONEY-DOUGAL - On 13th February at Bridgnorth, Shropshire, Richard Patrick, much loved husband, father, grandfather and friend. Funeral private. Service of Thanksgiving at St Chad's Church, Stockton, Norton, near Shifnal, Saturday 20th February at 2.30 pm. Donations if desired to The League of Friends of Bridgnorth Hospitals c/o Perry & Phillips Funeral Directors, tel: Bridgnorth (0746) 765258.

SHEWRING - On 13th February 1993, peacefully, Margaret Catherine (née Major), beloved mother of Philip Paterson and grandmother of Emma, Catherine and Jonathan. Funeral Service on Tuesday 23rd February at Bishopstone Church, 2 pm. Flowers c/o Seaford Funeral Service, tel: (0323) 893889.

ST. JOHNSTON - Lady. In loving memory of Elizabeth, née Thomas, aged 61, adored mother of Sara, Ann and Clare Condy, who passed away on February 11th 1993 after a short courageous struggle against cancer. Private cremation followed by Thanksgiving Service on Friday February 19th at 1 pm at St Lawrence Church, Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire. Flowers or donations to Cancer Research may be left at the Church or sent to Norman, Trotman and Hughes, Funeral Directors, Northleach, tel: (0451) 860288.

STRIDE - On February 14th, at home, suddenly but peacefully, Mary (Mick), née Lamb, darling wife of Dick, aged 73 years. A Service of Thanksgiving will be announced later.

SWIFT - On February 5th, in hospital, Mary Therese (Mollie), dear sister of Rita and the late Benet. The funeral has taken place. Donations if desired to the Department of Surgery, Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham Palace Road, London. All enquiries (0942) 42876.

TOTTLE - On February 12th 1993, peacefully at home, William Henry (Bill). Beloved husband of Helen and loving father of Rita, Sandra, Denise and Debbie, much loved stepfather of Diana of the U.S.A. All enquiries to Reynolds Funeral Service, 31 High Street, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, tel: (0243) 864745.

TWAITE - On February 10th, 1993, Colin Twaite, aged 54 years, dearly loved husband of Diana and much loved father of Hannah, Alice and Edward. Funeral service on Wednesday February 24th, at 12 noon, at St. Mary's Church, Worplesdon, followed by private cremation. All friends and colleagues welcome at the church and afterwards at home. Family flowers only, but we would be pleased to receive donations in his memory for University College Hospital Special Trustees Respiratory Fund (Dr. Spiro). Further details from Robert Ayling Funeral Services (0483 67333).

VERRALL - On 13th February in hospital after a long illness endured gallantly, Charles David, loving husband of Gabrielle and devoted father of Mark. Funeral on Friday 19th February at 11.30 am, St Michael's Church, Halton Village, near Wendover, Bucks. No flowers please but donations, if wished, to the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home, 71 Marsworth Road, Pitstone, Beds. LU7 9AX. Enquiries and parking facilities to Messrs K.Y. Green, (0296) 83041.

VON DER HEYDE - On 14th February 1993, peacefully at Dungate Manor, Reigate, Sybil Marjorie, devoted widow of Brigadier J.L. von der Heyde MC CMG, CBE. Dearly loved mother and friend of Lysbeth. Beloved Granny Von to Virginia and Lynette, dear Sibby to James, Charlotte and Natalie. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Reigate, on Monday February 22nd at 11 am. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for the Royal British Legion may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking.

WALKER - Commander Richard O.B.E., R.N.V.R., died peacefully in his sleep, Bristol, 11th February. Beloved husband of Lorna, uncle and friend to many. Funeral, 3 pm, St Mary's Church, Leighwood, Bristol, 19th February. Donations if desired to St Peter's Hospice, St Agnes Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

LEISTIKOW - A Memorial Service for Frederick Leistikow will be held at St Mary's Church, High Road, Loughton, Essex, on Monday March 1st at 2.30 pm. Donations if wished may be sent to The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 20 Great Queen Street, London WC2 5BG.

THOMPSON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Jenny Thompson will be held at St James's Church, Piccadilly, at 11.30 am on Tuesday 2nd March.

VERNEY - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of John Verney will be held on Saturday 20th March 1993 at 2.30 pm at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Clare, Suffolk.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

FINDON - Forever dearly beloved daughter and sister Charlotte. We remember the love and fun we had together, the dreams, the laughter. All your friends who loved you so much, don't forget the times you had together, and miss you so much, you never leave our thoughts. On this day we all rely on God's Justice for those near and far away. Your forever loving mother Lynda and your brother Benjamin, until we meet again darling, rest in peace.

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OBITUARIES

ROBERT HOLLEY

Robert William Holley, who won the 1968 Nobel Prize for medicine and physiology for his work in unravelling the genetic code of ribonucleic acid, or RNA, died of lung cancer at his home in Los Gatos, California, on February 11 aged 71. He was born in Urbana, Illinois, on January 28, 1922.



FOR a discovery which was to provide a major breakthrough in understanding the chemistry of life, Robert Holley's achievement was announced with remarkable modesty. In a two-line abstract published in the March 19, 1965, issue of *Science*, the official journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, he wrote simply: "The complete nucleotide sequence of an alanine transfer RNA (ribonucleic acid), isolated from yeast, has been determined. This is the first nucleic acid for which the structure is known."

Those two lines fired the imaginations of scientists throughout the world.

By devising a method for discovering the exact structure of one of the RNA molecules that help build proteins in living cells according to a genetic master plan, Holley had given the scientific community a powerful research tool that was to lead to a far deeper understanding of life's processes.

Working at Cornell University, Holley had devoted almost a decade to his research into RNA before it reaped results. In 1953, James Watson, Maurice Wilkins and Francis Crick had unravelled the secrets of the giant DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) molecule, that carries the genetic code responsible for the specific characteristics of each individual of every living species. But the knowledge was incomplete without understanding of the smaller RNA molecules, known as "helpers", which carry messages in the code of the DNA so that the genetically correct proteins are built up.

It was also necessary to know about a second set of RNA molecules, called "transfer" RNA's, which serve the complex function of translating from one genetic language into another that will be understood by the DNA. These two problems were what Holley and a team of assistants set out to solve.

Thanks to their work, it is now known that RNA directs building blocks of proteins to become flower petals, fingernails, butterfly wings, and every other living thing.

They began with the basics: the isolation of a pure sample of an analine transfer RNA. But the basics proved to be far from simple. After three years of effort, they finally produced one-thirtieth of an ounce of pure RNA from 200 pounds of yeast. Four years later, they had discovered that the RNA molecule was 77 units long, and consisted of four basic chemical units. And they were able to prove where each of those units occurred in the chain. Given the number of permutations possible, it was a remarkable feat: one of the greatest achievements in modern biochemistry.

Holley received the prestigious Albert Lasker award in basic medical research in 1965, and went on to become a fellow and professor at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla, California.

There, his later research focused on the factors that stimulate or inhibit the growth of cells in mammals, both in normal body functions such as the healing of wounds, and in abnormalities like cancer. His most recent work studied the factors in the timing of cell division, a critical element in the growth process. He also studied peptides, plant hormones, nitrogen metabolism, protein biosynthesis and beta lactams, which are a family of antibiotics.

Holley graduated from the University of Illinois in 1942 and earned a doctorate in organic chemistry at Cornell in 1947. During the second world war he was part of the team at Cornell that first synthesized penicillin.

Interviewed after his major achievement, he said: "The significance of it I would leave to others. The important thing to me is it's been a lot of fun working it out. Getting to the top of the mountain is what's really fun about climbing."

CLIVE HARSTON

Colonel Clive Harston, teacher, died on January 27 aged 80. He was born on November 11, 1912.

COLONEL Clive Harston enjoyed several distinguished careers as musician, army officer, teacher and East African expert.

Harston was educated at the cathedral school, Durham, and trained as a chorister. He developed a taste for the expatriate life early, through a brief trip to Kenya, returning to tutor at a prep school in Scotland. After university at Durham, where he distinguished himself on the athletics field, he settled in Kenya to teach.

When war broke out Harston, who was already in the Emergency Reserve, signed up as an officer in the King's African Rifles. He took part in the expulsion of the Italians from Ethiopia in 1941 and, after a spell in Addis Ababa, the regiment was called on to defend Burma, fighting alongside the "forgotten" 14th Army, against the Japanese.

In 1945 Major Harston returned to Ethiopia to train troops for the Emperor Haile Selassie. Later postings, in a useful career which seemed to take him to the most politically sensitive of areas, included spells in Germany and Denmark.

Harston left the army in 1958 to resume a career in education. He was appointed Director of Education in a pioneering programme which serviced the school ships of the British India Steamship Company and became, in effect, a roving headmaster, visiting ports in Europe with a different group of children and teachers every fortnight.

In later years he took over the management of the Church Schools Company, responsible for a group of independent girls' schools. He was chairman of the governors of Lady Eleanor Holles School, Hampton, Middlesex.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, whom he married in Nairobi Cathedral, and their son and daughter.

SONIA HOLLAND

Sonia Holland, naturalist, author and probably Gloucestershire's original "Twitcher", died on January 21 aged 80. She was born on April 4, 1912.



SONIA Holland took part in many natural history broadcasts and became known as "The Buttercup Lady" through a documentary on the Badgeworth reserve.

The Black Poplar in Gloucestershire (1992) was the result of her 20-year "labour of love" into the distribution of the tree. She also personally purchased the magnificent Ketford daffodil bank near Dymock in order to preserve this magnificent natural resource when it became apparent that the established conservation bodies would not.

With her death, conservation in the British Isles (and particularly Gloucestershire) has lost one of its most energetic supporters and natural history studies has lost a source of unrivalled knowledge of flora and ornithology.

Brought up in Wales, Sonia Hollandmoved to Cheltenham in 1947 and became a founder member of the North Gloucestershire (now Gloucestershire) Naturalists Society. In 1962 she became joint editor, with the late R. J. M. Skarratt, of its journal, taking over from him in 1965. Under her stewardship, which continued until 1980, the journal was a model of accuracy.

She was primarily a botanist, with a vast knowledge of flowering plants. Her early interests were rare orchids and umbelliferous plants; later she became an expert on sedges and grasses.

She was a council member of the Botanical Society of the British Isles for a term and was its recorder for the Gloucestershire area. With her friends, Mary Caddick, Sue Dudley-Smith and Kathleen Ludbrook, she published a supplement to the 1948 *Flora of Gloucestershire*, in 1986.

Also a knowledgeable ornithologist, Sonia Holland verified the sighting of many rare species in Gloucestershire. As a member of The British Trust for Ornithology she participated in many waterfowl counts at places such as Slimbridge and wrote (with Dennis Mardle) *Bird Watching in the Cotswold Water Park*.

In the late 1970s she became interested in dragonflies and was the impetus for the Gloucestershire Naturalists' Society recording scheme. In 1991 she published an atlas, *Distribution of Dragonflies in Gloucestershire*.

She was also a founder member of the Gloucestershire Trust for Nature Conservation. From 1962 she was secretary of its first managed reserve at Badgeworth which protects a rare buttercup found only at his site and known as *Ranunculus Ophioglossifolius* or Adder's Tongue Spearwort. She She was a member of many surveys for the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group.

Sonia Holland would always share her knowledge, and was as happy to escort a novice on a first field trip.

Her husband predeceased her; she is survived by her son.

MARTIN GARDNER

Martin John Gardner, professor of medical statistics, University of Southampton, died of lung cancer on January 22 aged 52. He was born on July 25, 1940.



IT WAS his work on leukaemia in children that brought Martin Gardner to the attention of the general public. He was invited in 1983 to join Sir Douglas Black's committee examining cases of leukaemia around the nuclear reprocessing plant at Sellafield in West Cumbria. His meticulous analysis and capacity for original thought resulted in what has now become known as the Gardner hypothesis.

He proposed that the cases of leukaemia were linked not to radiation in the environment but to exposure of the child's father in the months before conception. The results caused enormous controversy and remain at the centre of the current debate on leukaemia clusters. Despite his deep personal involvement in the work Gardner was able to remain objective and recognised that paternal exposure was a hypothesis to be tested rather than a final answer to the problem.

Martin Gardner had once considered becoming a professional footballer. It was the good fortune of medical science that instead he became a statistician. Through his work in the field of industrial health hazards he gained international recognition: but his major contribution for doctors was to demystify a subject which for many was like a black box, best left to the experts. His death at the height of his career robs medical statistics of one of its most talented exponents.

A modest and immensely likeable man, Gardner's great skill was his ability to work creatively with doctors and clinical scientists. After gaining a first-class degree in mathematics he joined Professor Jerry Morris at the Medical Research Council's social medicine unit in London. There he became interested in the geographical distribution of diseases — why, for example, certain cancers are more common in some parts of the country than others. This interest later found expression in his two atlases of diseases in England and Wales.

Gardner's skills as a teacher lay in his ability to get to the essence of a problem and present it simply to non-statisticians. Through his books and lectures on statistical methods he made the subject accessible to doctors at all levels. One of his lectures on life tables was greeted by spontaneous applause, a response few statisticians could boast.

Teaching also had an impact on his personal life. It was while lecturing at the University of California in 1966-7 that he met and married Linda, one of his students.

Gardner was deeply committed to improving statistical standards in medical journals, and enjoyed a long and close association with the *British Medical Journal*. He became the *Journal's* main statistical adviser in 1980, helping not only with the selection of manuscripts but teaching editors and readers that the validity of a study lay as much in its initial design as in the statistical analysis of its results.

Gardner was a man of great personal and scientific integrity to whom, right up to the end of his life, people turned for advice. The diagnosis of lung cancer was devastating to everyone who knew him. As a medical statistician Gardner must have known his chances but met his illness with characteristic courage. He continued to work and see his many friends and enjoyed, as ever, the closeness and support of his family. He is survived by his wife and their three children.

BRETT WESTON

Brett Weston, American photographer best known for his sharply delineated studies of landscapes and natural objects, died after complications from a stroke in Hawaii on January 22 aged 81. He was born in Los Angeles on December 16, 1911.

BRETT Weston shocked the photographic world in December 1991 when, on his 80th birthday, he destroyed all but 12 of his negatives. He did so, he said, because he felt that he alone was capable of making the kind of print needed to express his vision fully. The loss was considerable, but Weston was ever the perfectionist, known as a master craftsman whose large prints were crammed with detail and subtle tones. He would habitually take at least 2,000 photographs from which to extract a dozen flawless negatives to make up a portfolio.

The son of Edward Weston, a seminal pioneer of American photography, he had an unconventional upbringing. At the age of 13 he left school to go and live with his father and his mistress, the actress and photographer Tina Modotti, in Mexico City. There he discovered his own talent for photography.

While he was still in his teens, Weston's work was being shown in exhibitions on both sides of the Atlantic, and widely reproduced in magazines, especially in Germany. His photographs were often compared to those of his father, with whom he worked for many years. Though both men shared a passion for capturing the abstract forms of natural and human environments, Brett's pictures were crisper in their detail and harsher in their emotional tone.

It was not until after his father's death in 1958, having spent much of the previous decade printing and preserving Edward Weston's finest work, that Weston began travelling and photographing outside the United States. In 1960 he travelled 30,000 miles through Europe in a Volkswagen bus, shunning the picturesque and concentrating on challenging forms and textures, such as the rusting iron on London Bridge. "The taint of age can be very beautiful," he once said. "The wreckage of man-made objects is sometimes more beautiful than the new."



Weston was never very interested in seeing his work in book form, though three collections do exist. He preferred to see his photographs used as art objects for direct viewing in portfolios and exhibitions, and staged more than 100 solo shows.

Married and divorced four times, he is survived by one daughter.

TAIKICHIRO MORI

Taikichiro Mori, Japanese business magnate, named a multi-billionaire by Forbes magazine, died on January 30 aged 88.

DUBBED "landlord of Tokyo", Taikichiro Mori headed a family firm that owns more than 80 office buildings in prime areas of Tokyo. Last year, Forbes magazine placed him on its list of the world's billionaires with a personal fortune of about $13 billion. He appeared on the list several times.

A modest man, who neither drank nor smoked, he was an unlikely candidate to a billionaires' club.

After graduating from the Tokyo College of Commerce, he became an academic and went into the family property business full-time only in 1959 at the age of 55.

"CAVALCADE" THE FILM OF MR. COWARD'S PLAY

America is to be congratulated on having made the best film of English life that has ever been made. A curious and (for us) an unpalatable fact: but, once it has been admitted, those who wish that we had been able to do the job for ourselves need not look far for comfort. They may reflect that the panorama of history put together under Californian skies takes its dramatic shape and colour from the *Cavalcade* of our own Mr. Noel Coward, and that all the principal actors are English.

These are not the hollow consolations that in different circumstances they might be. For though this film is a good film, free from vulgar emphasis and pictorially alive from beginning to end, its merits are mainly the merits of a good translation, and these merits are largely dependent on the acting . . .

We see more of the lives of the Marryots and their dependents than the stage could afford time to show, and since they are the chink through which we peer at three decades of history the film's widening of the chink is all to the good. Much that is characteristic of the period emerges from a closer inspection of the butler who is turned by the unsettlement of service in South Africa into a drunken publican. Young Marryot's hasty courtship of the dancer in her dressing-room brings home to us the hectic gaiety of War-time London more vividly than the play was able to do, and here the film owes most of its advantage to the delicacy and the sincerity with which Miss Ursula Jeans and Mr. Frank Lawton play their scenes. Told more fully, the story of the Marryot family becomes more interesting. At Drury Lane they seemed to live a little hurriedly between one spectacle and another; here they have time to breathe, and their lives expand into spectacle or contract into domestic interiors with the even natural flow that the film can command.

Where the cinema loses most points in comparison with the stage is, oddly enough, in its spectacular scenes. Its Brighton beach is true, no doubt, to the facts. The beauty of this scene on the stage was that it gave us Mr. Coward's personal sense of the facts. He did the work for us; here we must make what we can of the crowds with little or no help from the artist. The death of Queen Victoria on the screen is the death of a Queen; on the stage it was the end of the long Victorian day. In its treatment of the War the film does well, but it would do better if the whirling pictures of men falling and women screaming their recruiting songs were less often repeated. But the departure of the troops for South Africa (when Miss Diana Wynyard and Mr. Clive Brook give their best account of the Marryots), the Zeppelin raid, the troop trains leaving and the Red Cross trains coming into Victoria Station, the Armistice night scene in Trafalgar Square (albeit a rather Californian Trafalgar Square)—these all have the intensely moving power of the play.

ON THIS DAY

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NEWS

Hurd treaty twist outflanks rebels

■ THE government moved to extricate itself from its latest Maastricht crisis yesterday by repudiating legal advice and ruling that defeat on the contentious social chapter would not wreck the treaty.

In a development that provoked derision, Douglas Hurd told MPs the warning given three weeks ago by his deputy was incorrect. Defeat on the social chapter amendment would not prevent Britain from ratifying the treaty ..... **Page 1**

Parents warned in murder hunt

■ Police warned Merseyside parents not to let their children out of their sight as a murder hunt was launched to find the killer of two-year-old James Bulger. Revulsion in Bootle was so strong that even hardened criminals have gone to the police to offer help in tracking the killer..... **Pages 1, 3**

Jobless storm

The government is bracing itself for a big political row this week despite the fact that Thursday's unemployment statistics will show that the seasonally adjusted figure is still under the sensitive three million barrier **Page 1**

Ward cleared

American lawyer Thomas Ward was cleared at the Old Bailey of stealing £5.2 million from Guinness after the brewery giant's successful takeover bid for Distillers..... **Pages 1, 5**

Yeltsin at bay

The power struggle in Russia took a new turn as Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary Speaker, proposed that the constitutional referendum in April be replaced with a vote of confidence in President Yeltsin, who has suddenly gone to the country for a surprise holiday.... **Page 12**

Nurse on trial

A "chilling pattern" of death among the patients in a children's ward of Grantham and Kesteven General Hospital was described in Nottingham Crown Court when a nurse, Beverley Allitt, 23, pleaded not guilty to four charges of murder, 11 of attempted murder and 11 of grievous bodily harm ..... **Page 4**

Smoking peril

A 40-year study of smoking among doctors has shown that the habit is even more dangerous than previously supposed. New results show that smokers are three times more likely to die in middle age than are non-smokers..... **Page 7**

Exam boost

A network of homework centres for schoolchildren from inner cities will be recommended by a report for The Prince's Trust. It follows research which shows pilot schemes significantly improved exam results..... **Page 8**

In full charge

Lithuanians have elected former Communist leader Algirdas Brazauskas president by a huge majority. With his party's overall majority in parliament, he now dominates politics..... **Page 12**

Hurd warning

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, warned ethnic groups that the answer to their dreams was not necessarily instant independence and a rewriting of borders. He suggested as a model the Bosnian solution..... **Page 11**

Bosnian threat

Bosnian Serb military chiefs have ordered UN troops and personnel to evacuate the riverside town of Zvornik after preventing them for the second day from delivering aid to a besieged Muslim enclave ..... **Page 11**

Clinton appeal

President Clinton, who will announce tomorrow the biggest upheaval in American economic policy since 1981, asked for national sacrifices in a live broadcast from the Oval Office..... **Page 13**

Queen accepts Sun's apology

The Queen has accepted an apology from *The Sun* and £200,000 damages in settlement of her claim against the newspaper for publishing her Christmas message two days early. Solicitors who had served a writ on the newspaper last week for infringement of copyright spent all day discussing the apology, in the form of a front-page letter..... **Page 1**



Flames of passion: about 10,000 farmers watch as the United States flag is burnt in a Seoul protest yesterday over pressure on South Korea by the American government to allow rice to be imported into the country

BUSINESS

CBI hopes: A chink of light amid the gloom on the High Street has come from the Confederation of British Industry, which claims retail sales last month showed the strongest rate of growth for eight months..... **Page 21**

Markets: The stock market made a cautious start to the new trading account, the main trading index closing just 2.9 points ahead as Wall Street remained closed for the President's Day holiday. Sterling came under further pressure on the foreign exchange markets before rallying again as London trading came to a close..... **Page 24**

Coal cuts: Germany's biggest coal producer is embarking on a heavy programme of job and production cuts because of the dire state of the country's steel industry, one of its main customers..... **Page 21**

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Football: Chelsea dismissed their manager, Ian Porterfield, after a run of 12 games without a win. David Webb, who scored the winner for Chelsea in the 1970 FA Cup final, takes over..... **Page 40**

Cricket: The England team manager, Keith Fletcher, said English cricket must learn a hard lesson from the Test series defeat inflicted by Indian spinners ... **Pages 38, 40**

Football: Alan Shearer, the striker who joined Blackburn Rovers for more than £3m in the summer, will miss the rest of the season after a 90-minute knee operation yesterday..... **Page 40**

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A man's place? There are more than 50 male midwives in the UK, but are they suited to the work? Simon Beckett reports..... **Page 15**

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Doctors feel good: Irish group the Saw Doctors are on tour, offering a basic boys' night out..... **Page 34**

Damaging admissions? Nationally funded museums are still divided as to whether entrance fees are a good thing. Attendance figures can be interpreted either way. **Page 35**

Russian soul: Former Bolshoi star Raissa Struchkova is taking inspiration from an old Russian version of *Swan Lake* in a staging for English National Ballet..... **Page 35**

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Despite corruption allegations, François Léotard, star of the French centre-right, is seen by President Mitterrand as a potential prime minister Page 12



The night Desiree Washington was raped by Mike Tyson is being discussed in court again, with the focus on defence lawyer Alan Dershowitz Page 13



The surprise victory in Greek Cypriot presidential elections of Glafcos Clerides has thrown into confusion UN efforts to end the division of Cyprus Page 11



Les Ferdinand, of Queens Park Rangers, will make his debut for England against San Marino in the World Cup tie tomorrow Page 40

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Tonight's choice

Dame Edna Everage is a once great comedy act which has become coarse and obsessed with its own celebrity. So says impressionist Rory Bremner in *Without Walls* (Channel 4, 9pm) ..... **Page 39**

OPINION

End of the affair

The clear need to end courtroom farces may well demand that Britain create something like America's Securities and Exchange Commission, staffed by professionals rather than practitioners. After the last Guinness trial, a growing number, even in the City, believes this is now inevitable..... **Page 17**

British for Brussels

In France or Germany, the news that their nationals had won only 10 per cent of this year's places in the European Commission's examinations to recruit high-flyers to its bureaucracy would be greeted with consternation. For Britain, it is real progress. But more needs to be done..... **Page 17**

Student sense

As the depressing battle over this summer's classroom tests for 14-year-olds rages on, there are signs elsewhere of a new meeting of minds between education ministers and student unions. The mischievous spirit of 1968 is finally being laid to rest..... **Page 17**

COLUMNS

NICHOLAS RIDLEY

John Major ignores the enormous damage ERM membership has done to our economy. He is happy to leave in place the resulting damaging uncertainty that such a prospect throws upon the future of British economic policy. He is like a reformed alcoholic stocking up the drinks cupboard..... **Page 18**

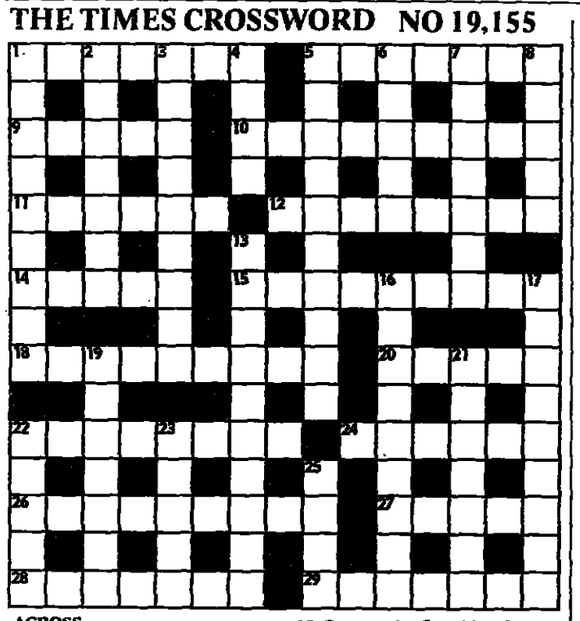
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I am now dreading next week's Pancake Day, for fear that the TV channels will be given over to a "Night of Batter". I hardly dare open my *Radio Times*..... **Page 18**

THE PAPERS

The International Atomic Energy Agency clearly needs to be strengthened ... it must become more aggressive in undertaking special inspections. But the IAEA will never be able to stem nuclear profileration on its own. Proliferation can only be stopped if the industrialised nations find the political will to clamp down on exports of bomb-making materials and technology — *The New York Times*

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,155



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Solution to Puzzle No 19,154

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WEATHER

Southeast England will start dry and cool, with fog patches in places. Rain in northern England and north Wales will spread to the southeast. Most of northern England and Wales will become dry. Northern Ireland will be cloudy, with patchy drizzle, mainly in coastal areas and over the hills. Outbreaks of rain will affect western Scotland. It will be mild for the time of year. Outlook: dry and cloudy on Wednesday, further rain on Thursday.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Alaccio	15	59	f	Madrid	10	50	s
Akrotiri	12	54	s	Majorca	15	59	f
Alex'dria	15	59	f	Malaga	18	61	s
Algiers	17	63	s	Malta	14	57	s
Amst'dm	4	39	c	Melb'rne	24	75	s
Athens	9	48	c	Mexico C*	15	59	s
Bahrain	19	66	c	Miami*	22	72	s
Bangkok	31	88	f	Milan	5	41	c
Barbade*	25	77	f	Montreal*	-8	18	s
Barcelna	14	57	s	Moscow	-12	10	s
Beirut	18	55	c	Munich	0	32	c
Belgrade	0	32	c	Naples	12	54	s
Berlin	3	37	f	N Delhi	28	82	s
Bermuda*	20	68	c	N York*	1	34	s
Biarritz	13	55	s	Nice	13	55	s
Borda'x	14	57	s	Oslo	3	37	c
Brussels	1	34	c	Paris	4	39	s
Budapst	2	36	c	Peking	8	46	f
B Aires*	32	90	s	Perth	31	88	s
Cairo	15	59	f	Prague	0	32	c
Cape Tn	22	72	c	Reykjavik	1	34	r
Chicago*	-1	30	c	Rhodes	12	54	s
Ch'church	15	59	s	Rio de J	36	97	s
Cologne	0	32	c	Riyadh	21	70	s
C'phagn	2	36	c	Rome	14	57	s
Corfu	10	50	f	Salzburg	0	32	c
Dublin	7	45	s	S Frisco*	11	52	s
Dubrovnik	10	50	s	Santiago*	31	88	s
Faro	17	63	s	S Paulo*	22	72	c
Florence	9	48	s	Seoul	7	45	f
Frankfurt	-1	30	c	Sing'por	31	88	s
Funchal	18	64	f	St'kholm	2	36	f
Geneva	2	36	c	Strasb'rg	0	32	c
Gibraltar	16	61	c	Sydney	25	77	f
Helsinki	1	34	sn	Tangier	17	63	s
Hong K	21	70	s	Tel Aviv	13	55	f
Innsbruck	0	32	f	Tenerife	21	70	s
Istanbul	3	37	f	Tokyo	10	50	s
Jeddah	26	79	s	Toronto*	-4	25	c
Jo'burg*	26	79	f	Tunis	15	59	f
L Palmas	21	70	f	Valencia	14	57	s
Le Touet	5	41	c	Vanc'ver*	6	43	f
Lisbon	13	55	s	Venice	8	46	s
Locarno	6	43	s	Vienna	2	36	sn
London	5	41	c	Warsaw	0	32	s
L Angels*	18	61	s	Wash'ton*	4	39	c
Luxembg	-3	27	fg	Wel'ton	14	57	f
Luxor	17	63	s	Zurich	0	32	c

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 8C (46F); min 6pm to 6am, 1C (34F). Humidity: 6pm, 81 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.1hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,035.6 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Rhyl and Colwyn Bay, both Clwyd, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Birmingham airport, 1C (34F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 0.7in; highest sunshine: Aspatria, Cumbria, 7.5hr

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 7C (45F); min 6pm to 6am, 1C (34F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.03in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 8C (46F); min 6pm to 6am, 0C (32F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.05in Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.2hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Anglesey	5.0	-	10	50	sunny
Aviemore	1.5	0.01	9	48	rain
Belfast	-	0.10	10	50	rain
Birmingham	-	-	1	34	fog
Bognor Regis	0.1	-	5	41	cloudy
Bournemouth	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Bristol	-	-	5	41	dull
Buxton	-	-	4	39	fog
Cardiff	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Clacton	-	-	4	39	cloudy
Cromer	-	-	5	41	dull
Douglas	-	-	8	46	fog
Edinburgh	3.9	-	12	54	bright
Eskdalemuir	1.3	-	9	48	bright
Exmouth	-	-	8	46	dull
Falmouth	6.1	-	11	52	sunny
Folkestone	-	-	3	37	cloudy
Glasgow	-	0.02	9	48	rain
Guernsey	2.0	-	8	46	bright
Hastings	-	-	3	37	dull
Jersey	3.3	-	8	46	fog
Kinloss	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Leeds	-	-	3	37	fog
Lerwick	-	0.13	7	45	rain
Littlehampton	0.2	-	5	41	cloudy
Liverpool	0.6	-	5	41	cloudy
London	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Lowestoft	-	-	5	41	dull
Manchester	6.2	-	7	45	sunny
Margate	x	-	2	36	dull
Minehead	3.3	-	9	48	bright
Morecambe	7.0	-	11	52	sunny
Newcastle	5.9	-	7	45	sunny
Nottingham	-	-	2	36	fog
Penzance	0.3	-	12	54	cloudy
Plymouth	7.2	-	10	50	sunny
Prestwick	0.7	0.01	9	48	rain
Saunton Snd	6.1	-	11	52	sunny
Scarborough	3.8	-	4	39	fog
Scilly Isles	0.1	-	12	54	cloudy
Shanklin	0.2	-	5	41	cloudy
Southend	-	-	2	36	dull
Southsea	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Stornoway	-	0.26	9	48	rain
Swanage	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Teignmouth	-	-	9	48	dull
Tenby	2.0	-	8	46	cloudy
Tiree	-	0.70	9	48	rain
Torquay	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Weymouth	0.1	-	7	45	cloudy
Wick	0.4	0.05	9	48	rain
Worthing	0.1	-	4	39	cloudy

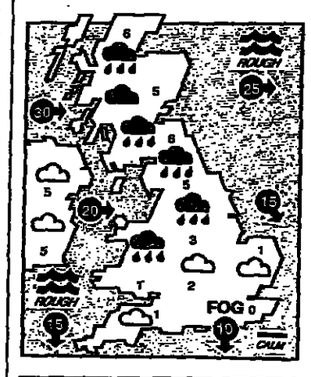
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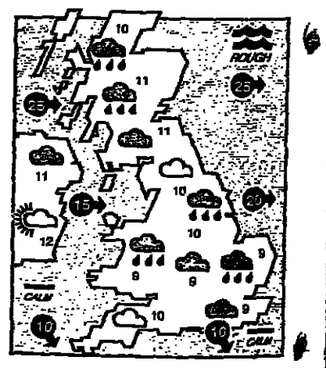
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Australia $	2.185	1.985
Austria Sch	17.80	16.10
Belgium Fr	51.80	47.20
Canada $	1.90	1.74
Denmark Kr	9.61	8.81
Finland Mkk	9.02	8.22
France Fr	8.43	7.73
Germany Dm	2.49	2.29
Greece Dr	339.00	311.00
Hong Kong $	11.62	10.62
Ireland Pi	1.015	0.935
Italy Lira	2355.00	2140.00
Japan Yen	189.00	170.00
Netherlands Gld	2.80	2.58
Norway Kr	10.58	9.78
Portugal Epc	228.00	208.00
South Africa Rd	5.30	4.80
Spain Pta	173.50	160.50
Sweden Kr	11.24	10.44
Switzerland Fr	2.31	2.13
Turkey Lira	13600.0	12600.0
USA $	1.51	1.365

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 5.18 pm to 7.11 am
Bristol 5.27 pm to 7.20 am
Edinburgh 5.19 pm to 7.33 am
Manchester 5.21 pm to 7.24 am
Penzance 5.42 pm to 7.29 am

Sun rises: 7.13 am
Sun sets: 5.18 pm
Moon rises 4.14 am
Moon sets 12.19 pm
New moon February 21

YESTERDAY

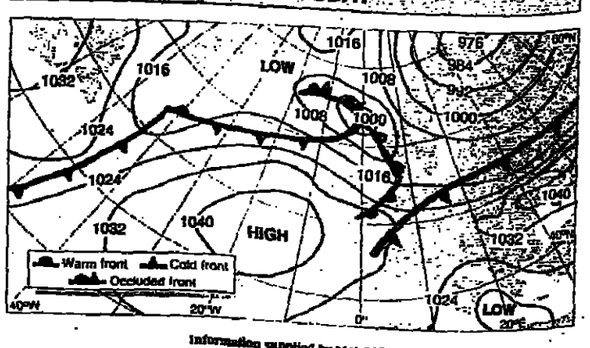
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	4	39	f	Guernsey	10	50	s
B'mngham	6	43	c	Inverness	6	43	f
Blackpool	6	43	f	Jersey	9	48	s
Bristol	8	46	c	London	5	41	c
Cardiff	7	45	r	M'nchster	5	41	sq
Edinburgh	7	45	f	Newcastle	6	43	f
Glasgow	7	45	f	R'nldsway	8	46	f

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.14	6.0	9.52	5.9	Liverpool	8.59	7.4	7.48	7.3
Aberdeen	9.25	3.3	10.19	3.4	Lowestoft	5.22	2.1	5.45	2.0
Avonmouth	2.15	9.8	3.00	9.8	Margate	7.30	3.9	8.08	3.9
Belfast	7.00	2.9	7.37	2.9	Milford Haven	1.44	5.2	2.32	5.1
Cardiff	2.00	8.2	2.45	9.2	Newquay	12.44	5.3	1.30	5.2
Devonport	1.02	4.4	1.44	4.2	Oban	6.42	5.3	7.34	5.2
Dover	6.42	5.3	7.34	5.2	Penzance	1.47	2.9	3.46	2.8
Falmouth	12.32	4.2	1.14	4.0	Portland	12.18	4.4	12.57	4.2
Glasgow	8.11	4.0	8.43	3.9	Portsmouth	1.15	1.4	1.37	1.3
Harwich	7.21	3.3	7.59	3.1	Shoreham	6.59	3.9	7.59	3.9
Holyhead	6.27	4.5	7.19	4.4	Southampton	6.43	4.8	7.41	4.8
Hull	1.42	5.9	2.19	5.9	Swansea	6.50	3.8	7.50	3.8
Ilfracombe	1.21	6.9	2.08	6.8	Tees	1.33	7.3	2.18	7.2
King's Lynn	1.58	4.9	2.35	4.9	Witton-on-Nze	11.44	4.2		
Leith	10.27	4.4	11.20	4.5		7.19	3.4	8.01	3.3

NOON TODAY



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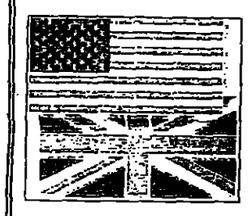


The lower pound has put pressure on food prices, says Dalgety, one of the biggest players in the pet food industry
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The building materials industry is on bid alert after MB-Caradon said it planned to sell its holding in a European packaging group
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ATTACKED



President Clinton's State of the Union address could contain bad news for British firms operating across the Atlantic
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THE POUND

US $	1.4187 (-0.0020)
German mark	2.3515 (-0.0040)
Exchange index	76.1 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2845.9 (+2.9)
Dow Jones	Closed
Nikkei Avg	17117.99 (+266.48)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month interbank	5⅝-5⅝%
US Federal Funds	3¾*
3-month Treas Bills	2.94-2.93%*
Long Bond	7.12%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.4207*	£:$ 1.4185
$:DM 1.6580*	£:DM 2.3512
$:SWfr 1.5380*	£:SWfr 2.1874
$:Ffr 5.6075*	£:Ffr 7.9262
$:Yen 120.62*	£:Yen 171.72
£:SDR 1.0372	£:ECU 1.2080

Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 328.35 PM 328.60
Close 328.45-328.95
New York:
Comex 329.35-329.85*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 137.9 January (1.7%)

* Denotes Friday's close

Rise in retail sales reflects City optimism

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

■ January showed the strongest growth in retail sales since last summer, according to the latest distributive trade survey by the Confederation of British Industry

RETAIL sales are improving, according to the Confederation of British Industry's latest distributive trades survey. Gains made last month were the healthiest since May, according to the survey.

The news comes before tomorrow's government retail sales figures for January, which are expected by City analysts to show a modest upward trend.

Sales figures were sharply down in December, but City economists believe that official sales volumes tomorrow will show a reversal of that downturn and a resumption of the modest growth established before Christmas. Other key figures on public sector borrowing and industrial production will be published by the government today.

Though the City is likely to be encouraged by today's retail figures, the CBI rejects suggestions that consumer spending is recovering.

Sales volumes in January increased year-on-year at a faster rate than was expected, with a balance — those companies reporting an increase in sales set against those recording a downturn — of 12 per cent of firms registering an increase in sales across the distributive sector. This compares with a 2 per cent expectation balance for January, pushing up the proportion expecting improved sales in February to 16 per cent.

The CBI's survey, conducted between January 18 and February 3, covers 15,000 outlets in retailing, wholesaling and the motor trades.

Retailing saw the first year-on-year increase in sales in January since September. The balance of 11 per cent of companies reporting a rise in the volume of sales was the fastest rate of increase since May. High street retailers are expecting continued growth this month, though at a more modest rate, with a balance of expected sales in February of 5 per cent.

Nigel Whittaker, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades panel, said: "Over the coming months, the interest rate reductions seen since September will be filtering through to homeowners' pockets and this should help to lift consumer confidence."

But he gave warning that, given the levels of consumer debt and the continuing rise in unemployment, "it is too early to be sure we are seeing a sustainable recovery in consumer spending". He said the figures still show that sales volumes are below what retailers consider normal for the time of year. The pattern of sales remains mixed; grocers, chemists, clothing and footwear stores reported significant improvements compared with a year ago, while furniture and carpet retailers, off licences and stationers recorded falls.

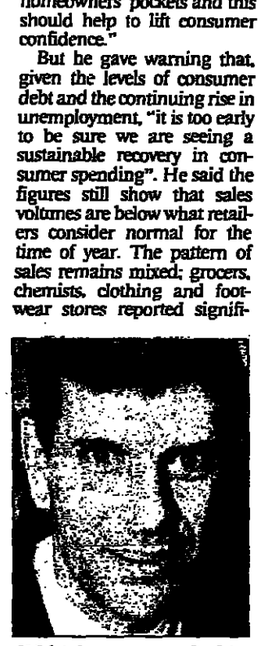
Overall distributive sales were boosted by a marked improvement in motor sales, the survey suggests. Traders reported the strongest increase last month in sales volumes on an annual basis since January 1989. The balance of 20 per cent of traders reporting increased sales was much larger than the 7 per cent expected.

If sales anticipated for this month are achieved — a balance of 31 per cent of traders are forecasting a rise — the increase will be the strongest since mid-1988.

Dealers are reporting for the first time in at least two years less than adequate stocks, though traders are still planning to cut their orders placed with suppliers compared with a year ago.

Across all three areas covered by the survey, sales for the time of year remain below average, but in wholesaling, traders expect sales to rise to average levels this month.

☐ The pound fell and then rose again yesterday after the government said it would press ahead and ratify the Maastricht treaty even if the Labour amendment aimed at restoring the social chapter provision wins parliamentary approval. Against the mark, sterling closed down 0.4 pfennigs at DM2.3515 after reaching DM2.3443 at noon. Against the dollar, it fell from $1.4207 to $1.4187 after reaching $1.4122 at noon.



Whittaker: recovery doubts

Louis-Dreyfus runs into Adidas



Fired up: Robert Louis-Dreyfus, who will be taking on a new challenge at Adidas

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

ROBERT Louis-Dreyfus, chief executive of Saatchi & Saatchi since January 1990, has donned his running shoes and will leave at the end of March to head Adidas, the German sports company.

The 78 per cent share of Adidas owned by Bernard Tapie, the colourful French businessman and former minister, has been bought by a group of investors including French state-controlled banks, British interests and M Louis-Dreyfus for DM615 million. M Tapie had bought 80 per cent of Adidas for FFr 1.6 billion in July 1990.

M Louis-Dreyfus has bought 15 per cent of the controlling holding company, Adidas International, of which he will become president from April 7, replacing Gilberte Beaux.

M Louis-Dreyfus had been expected to leave Saatchi some time this year, but his departure has been accelerated by the Adidas deal. He is largely responsible for the advertising group's continuing survival after a difficult financial restructuring, and continues as non-executive director. His replacement as chief executive, as expected, is Charles Scott.

The existing state-controlled shareholders in the troubled Adidas firm, Crédit Lyonnais and the UAP and AGF insurance companies, as well as Metropole, are to increase their holdings to a total of 42 per cent.

Two British investors, Coatbridge Holding and Omega Ventures, will take 15 and 19.9 per cent stakes respectively.

Mme Beaux is to increase her holding from 5 per cent to 8 per cent and will become president of the supervisory board.

M Tapie has spent recent months concentrating on shoring up some of his debt-plagued business empire to allow himself to concentrate on a political career. He had initially agreed to sell his holding in Adidas to Pentland, the British sporting goods business, but the deal collapsed in September amid some acrimony.

Germany to cut coal capacity and jobs

By Colin Narbrough, World Trade Correspondent

DIFFICULTIES in theGerman steel industry have fed through to the mining industry, forcing Ruhrkohle, the country's leading coal producer, to give a warning of more cuts in jobs and capacity.

The company said it must lower coal production by more than 3 million tonnes, immediately reduce coking capacity and merge two deep mines this summer. Initial plans to shed 5,000 of its 82,000 workforce this year are to be raised to about 8,500, with a total of 16,000 jobs to go by mid-decade, Dieter Lukowski, the Ruhrkohle spokesman said. The collapse in sales of heavily subsidised indigenous coal reflects the Community-wide overcapacity in steel and recession in Germany. Fernand Braun, the European Commission's special envoy, last week reported that up to 25,000 jobs would have to go in German steel.

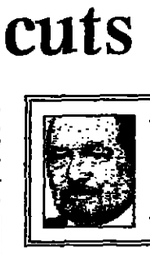
Ruhrkohle, which produced 45 million tonnes of coal last year mines two thirds of Germany's hard coal. German coal is sold at DM280 (£119) per tonne, against £44 a tonne for British coal.

Ruhrkohle said the collapse in sales arising from the steel "crisis" had "accelerated dramatically" in recent weeks. Ruhrkohle, which is 37 per cent owned by Veba, the energy group, said its financial position was the worst it had been since it was founded 22 years ago. It lost DM58 million on coal last year.

Losses arising from Klöckner-Werke, a leading steelmaker that sought court protection from its creditors in December, was cited as a further cause of problems. Klöckner's debt restructuring is expected to cost Ruhrkohle DM60 million. Jobst Wellensiek, the lawyer drawing up a debt restructuring plan for Klöckner, said the group's steel activities would not survive alone. The company is in talks with British Steel, the Dutch Hoogovens, Itochu of Japan and some Italian companies.

Ruhrkohle's supervisory board is scheduled to finalise the mine closures on March 9. The company would not comment on reports that it plans to shut an extra mine that employs 8,000. Plans to cut capacity by 2001 to less than 38 million tonnes a year from 46 million are to accelerate.

Further rate cuts could kill, not cure



ANTHONY HARRIS

When Norman Lamont explained his latest standstill on interest rates last week, he said that he now gets more complaints from depositors when he does cut rates than from borrowers when he doesn't. This sounded to an unbelieving City like more blathering, but he had a point: cutting rates is not the instant stimulus that too many commentators still suppose.

A rate cut benefits mortgage holders, but cuts the incomes of the most unsophisticated class of savers — those who rely on building society deposits — and by much the same amount. Further, it cuts the incomes of the building societies themselves, and, more sharply, of the banks.

It is no accident that the banks are now discussing a whole new range of charges. Their "endowment" income — the gap between loan rates and interest-free deposits — has been cut drastically.

They dare not grow out of trouble, as in the past. If they try to recoup their loss through wider spreads between lending and borrowing rates, they face a wigging from Mr Lamont (who thus suggests that he does not understand the nature of the recession). So they have fallen back on higher charges. More rate cuts, more new charges. Anyone who tries to calculate the exact balance between these effects will soon get out of his depth. Will borrowers spend their increased incomes, or use the money to reduce their debt burden? Will depositors maintain their spending out of capital, cut it in line with income, or even cut their spending more than their incomes fall, in order to meet their savings objectives?

Roger Bootle, of Midland Montagu, weighs all these and other imponderables in a circular sent out yesterday, and concludes that the short-run effect of lower rates may, contrary to government hopes, be deflationary. He argues that the main stimulus of rate cuts comes in normal times from the housing market, now all but dead; and he calculates that a widening of bank spreads of only 0.5 per cent has the same effect as a 1p rise in income tax (I would guess that the actual effect at the moment is at least twice that).

Bootle cannot prove that he is right, but it is just as hard to prove that he is wrong. The most telling evidence comes not from the British figures, but from American experience. The Fed cut rates far more aggressively than the Bank of England has done (though still not fast enough to satisfy its US critics): but it is only now, more than three years after rates peaked, that the US is clearly enjoying a self-sustaining recovery.

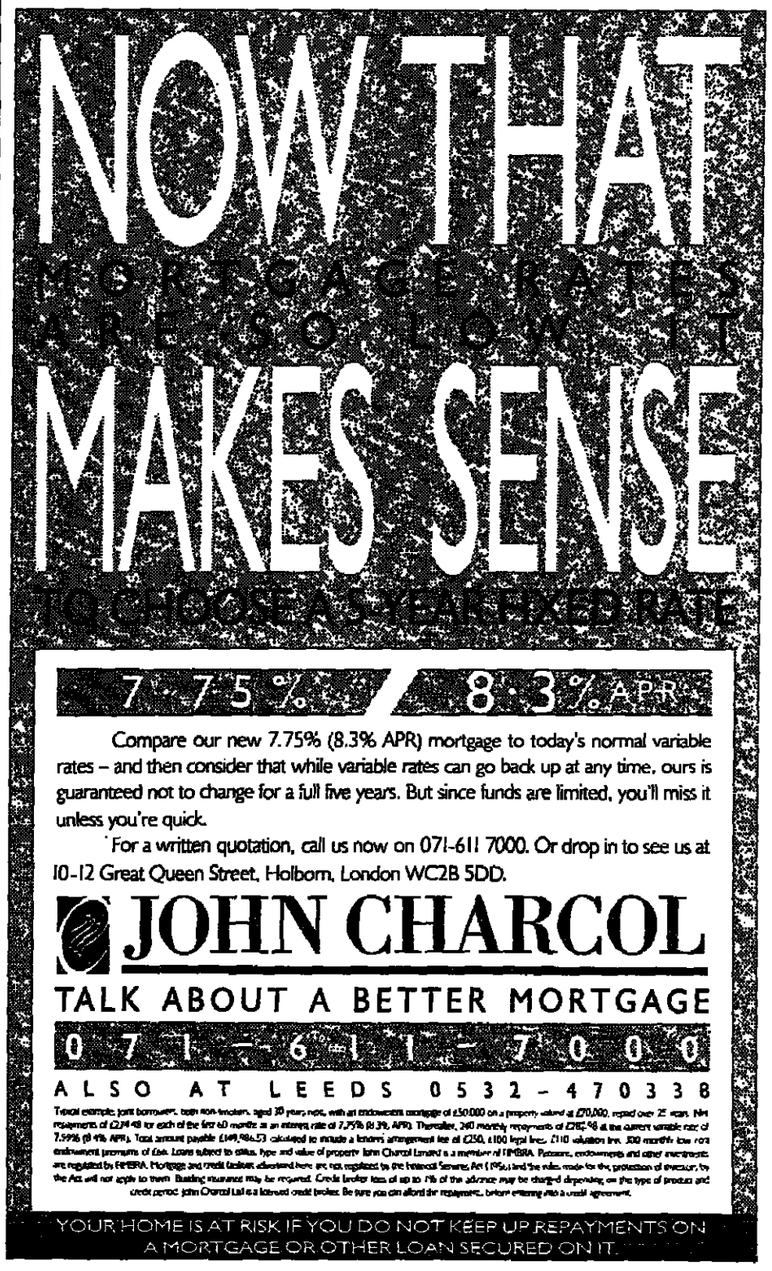
This column has already praised the Fed at the expense of the Bank several times, so in fairness it should be noted that the Fed had a number of crucial advantages, apart from a chairman who has spent a lifetime analysing business cycles. He was working with a government which was not nervous about devaluation; on the contrary, it relied on it as the only clear stimulus on offer.

And it was much clearer in the US than it is here even now that this is, at bottom, a banking crisis. The aim was a recovery first through net exports, and later through a recapitalised credit system: and it is working. The same strategy could work here, but it would probably be equally slow; and it is hampered by a government which still seems less than half way to understanding what needs to be done.

The test case is the argument about under-funding the government borrowing requirement, which could be financed quite largely by the banks. Monetarists argue that this would raise the growth of the broad money aggregates; the trouble is that they are the only people who believe that this matters.

Others, including Bootle, urge under-funding to cut long-term interest rates, to the benefit of corporate borrowers and the equity market: fine, if it happened, but this is far from certain. The sight of the government monetising its deficit might, on the contrary, frighten the young fogeys of the gilts market into demanding higher rates.

But few even mention the effect on the banks, which would be unambiguous: they would have a risk-free route to profitable growth. Revived private lending would follow. Isn't that the aim?



Clinton's tax plans could hit UK firms

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

BRITISH companies that do substantial business in America are bracing themselves for President Clinton's first important economic policy statement. Mr Clinton's State of the Union address tomorrow is billed as the most important US economic statement for more than ten years. His proposals for tax increases are likely to hit industries such as pharmaceuticals, oil, coal and possibly insurance.

A 2 percentage point increase in corporate tax to 36 per cent will cost US-based companies an extra $6 billion a year. Fears that President Clinton's plan will hit profits is forecast to keep Wall Street sliding this week. It is already down 50 points from an all-time high a week ago: on Friday it fell 30 points.

At the top of Mr Clinton's "hit list" are big drug firms serving the $90 billion American market. British companies are significant suppliers. Some American pharmaceutical shares have fallen to 13-month lows. Glaxo's shares are down 30 per cent and Merck, the world's largest drug firm, has been downgraded from the buy list by Salomon Brothers, the New York investment bank.

Mr Clinton launched a fierce attack on the drugs industry on Friday, after announcing a $300 million increase in immunisation. He wants vaccine prices cut. He said: "Our prices are shocking. The pharmaceutical industry is spending $1 billion more each year on advertising and lobbying than it does on developing new and better drugs. Meanwhile, its profits are rising at four times the rate of the average *Fortune 500* company."

SmithKline Beecham is part of a three-company delegation that will begin vaccine price discussions with the president this week. Glaxo and ICI are among nine pharmaceutical companies that have agreed to limit price increases to the prevailing annual rate of inflation.

The drugs industry is not alone in coming under pressure. Oil companies such as British Petroleum and Shell would be squeezed by energy taxes. They are under threat on three fronts: from a petrol tax, from a carbon tax that would relate to products' heat content: and from an import duty on oil. The UK exports 400,000 barrels of oil a day to the US.

Such measures could cause tension between the UK and America a week ahead of the first meeting between John Major and Mr Clinton on February 24.

Mr Clinton is poised to increase import tariffs on Range Rovers and Land Rovers tenfold, has imposed tough import duties on British Steel and has cancelled an estimated $7 billion of US government buying in Europe that could affect ICI and British Telecom.



Tough talking: Michio Watanabe said any US sanctions would provoke retaliation

Tit for tat threat by Japan

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

THE Japanese government, concerned that the Clinton administration may impose sanctions on Japan to reduce America's $44 billion bilateral trade deficit, has made clear to Washington that it is ready to retaliate.

Michio Watanabe, the Japanese foreign minister, speaking to the parliamentary budget committee after returning from a four-day visit to Washington, where he met President Clinton, said he had told the Americans that Japan would consider "proper counter-measures" if the Clinton administration resorted to a revived "Super 301" clause of America's omnibus trade law.

The Super 301 authority, which expired two years ago, would enable Washington to take sanctions against countries deemed to be trading unfairly. George Bush promised to veto the revival of Super 301, but Japan fears that his successor's more aggressive trade stance could lead to the controversial clause being brought back. The bill containing it is now before the Senate. Mr Watanabe is understood to be considering referring any unilateral trade move by the Americans to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the free trade organisation that is heading negotiations on a new world trade agreement.

Yoshiro Hayashi, the Japanese finance minister, who met Lloyd Bentsen, the new American treasury secretary, at the weekend, said both sides had agreed to avoid "artificial manipulation" of the yen as a way to address the bilateral imbalance in trade between the two countries.

Foster's resumes halfway dividend

BY CARL MORTISHED

FOSTER'S Brewing Group increased net profit after tax from A$77 million (£37 million) to A$174 million in the six months to December, despite falls in volume in Australia, Britain and America.

The company, which raised A$1.02 billion in a rights issue last September, is resuming the payment of dividends with a 2.75 cents interim and a forecast of a total dividend for the year of 6 cents per share. Earnings were 6.72 cents (3.29 cents) a share.

Foster's Brewing is engaged in a restructuring after its A$950 million loss last year. Ted Kunkel, the chief executive, said brewing profits were 9 per cent down at A$303 million, but described that as a commendable result in a difficult trading environment. The rights issue and the sale of non-core assets has helped cut debt to A$2.8 billion from A$4.1 billion last June.

In Britain, profits at the Courage subsidiary were affected by the recession and increased competition due to government deregulation of the brewing industry, which has required it to release about 1,900 outlets from their tie to Courage. Compensation payments of A$78 million have been received after the acquisition of Grand Metropolitan's brewing activities. Of that, A$27 million has been recorded as an abnormal gain.

Inntrepreneur Estates, the joint venture, is trading near target, but a writedown in value of the public houses required a cash injection of $70 million by Foster's Brewing and GrandMet.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

OFT faces four choices on ferries co-operation

THE Office of Fair Trading will need at least several weeks to study a new request announced today by P&O and the Swedish-owned Stena Sealink to co-operate on the Dover-Calais ferry service they operate, a spokesman said. Four possibilities are open to the OFT, he added.

It can advise Michael Heseltine, the trade secretary that undertakings barring P&O from collaborating with Sealink should be lifted, that the undertakings should be varied, or that they should remain in place. Alternatively, it could recommend a new Mergers and Monopolies Commission investigation into the provision of cross-Channel ferry services.

Lincoln back in black

LINCOLN House, the USM-quoted furniture maker, has reported a profit of £193,000 for 1992 after losses of £286,000 last time. In 1990, it had losses of £2.35 million. The group made its return into the black on turnover down from £10.27 million to £7.96 million, and earnings per share are 1.2p against losses of 1.8p a share last time. There is no dividend. Ian Topping, chairman and chief executive, said: "This highly significant turnround in the company's fortunes is particularly pleasing as extremely difficult trading has continued to prevail." The core upholstery-making business made profits at the operating level of £424,000 (£40,000 loss) on sales of £7.3 million. The shares rose 3½p to 13p.

Tunstall expands

TUNSTALL Group, the security equipment company, is paying £476,000 for a 33.3 per cent stake in Empresa de Servicios Espacializados de Seguridad, a Spanish security and fire systems business. A further payment of £441,000, plus interest at 11 per cent per year, will be made by Tunstall if ESES has annual pre-tax profits of £294,000 by the end of 1996. Tunstall has an option to acquire a majority of ESES in 1996, based on an agreed multiple of taxable profits.

German buy for Scapa

SCAPA, the industrial materials group, has bought Oberdorfer Group, a German maker of forming fabrics for the paper industry, for about £11 million. Oberdorfer turns over about £16 million a year, and Harry Tuley, Scapa's chief executive, said the acquisition would strengthen his group's position in supplying specialist forming fabrics in Western Europe. Oberdorfer will be integrated into Scapa's engineered fabrics division, which has plants in 11 countries.

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ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373				
Masterfund	110.50	118.10	+0.40	1.59
International	82.09	87.32	+0.08	1.17
Dividend Gth	55.17	58.69*	+0.42	5.11
Global Gth Sec	59.90	63.72	-0.22	3.12
Ethical Growth	63.46	67.51	-0.34	2.86
High Inc Equity	147.20	156.50*	+1.00	5.43
Worldwide Bond	268.90	285.00*	-0.70	4.36
Gilts Fixed Int	129.30	137.10*	-0.90	6.93
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ. 0224 633070. Dealing: 0800 833580 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ 071 374 6801				
Amer Inc Gth	44.95	47.45	-0.16	1.78
European	79.84	84.67*	-0.23	...
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Exempt	878.60	906.00*	+4.20	3.38
Extra Inc	41.72	45.31	+0.39	5.55
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High Inc	369.60	395.00	+3.00	4.39
Equity Inc	204.10	216.10*	+1.70	4.21
High Yield	227.40	243.00	+1.90	4.35
Balanced	616.70	661.30	+2.70	2.87
American Inc	49.32	52.72*	+0.48	3.24
Wld Asset Val	38.04	40.66	+0.33	1.99
Japan	145.50	155.00	-0.39	0.01
Secs of Am	441.10	469.70	+2.10	0.35
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	306.00	325.60	+2.30	3.01
-do- Inc	219.30	233.40	+1.60	3.01
Higher Inc Acc	545.80	580.70	+4.10	4.19
-do- Inc	336.70	358.20	+2.50	4.19
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	173.00	182.70	-0.40	6.59
-do- Inc	93.21	98.44	-0.21	6.59
Nth America	279.50	297.40	-1.50	...
Far East	259.40	276.00	+3.40	0.29
Europe	217.40	231.30	-0.30	1.13
General Inc	415.80	442.20	+2.60	2.67
-do- Acc	453.70	481.60	+2.80	2.67
Brit Excell	62.27	66.25	+0.36	3.07
Brit Fndmtls Inc	64.34	68.45	+0.56	3.20
Brit Fndmtls Acc	81.97	87.21	+0.73	3.20
Global Opps	69.69	74.14	-0.24	0.08
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15. 081 534 5544				
Capital	104.60	112.00*	+0.90	3.35
Euro Gth Inc	113.90	120.60	-0.20	1.20
Extra Inc	102.00	104.10	+0.60	5.50
General	233.80	250.00	+1.20	3.46
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.67	59.66	+0.34	8.71
Income	456.60	488.30*	+2.50	4.97
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ. 081 658 9002				
American Gth	97.33	103.30	-0.60	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	127.20	136.00	-1.20	...
Australia	...	...	...	...
Convertibles	51.27	54.83	+0.11	7.40
Eastern	181.20	195.30	+2.60	1.70
Equity Income	76.68	81.57	+0.58	4.80
European Gth	227.20	241.70	-0.10	1.60
Euro Smllr Cos	151.40	161.30	-0.90	2.00
Exempt	80.25	82.49*	-0.69	3.40
German Growth	54.10	57.77	+0.17	0.90
Global Growth	109.50	117.00	-0.30	...
Japan Growth	162.40	174†	-1.50	...
Japan Sunrise	136.40	145.70	+0.40	...
Portfolio	115.50	123.50	+0.40	3.40
-do- Acc	204.20	218.40	...	3.40
UK Growth	75.65	80.47	+1.11	3.30
UK Smaller Cos	75.04	80.25	+0.11	2.00
Select Managers	62.31	66.81	+0.19	2.10
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Balan Gth Acc	101.14	106.17	-0.60	2.39
-do- Inc	92.04	99.08	...	...
Global Bond	29.92	31.74	-0.55	2.39
High Yield Acc	50.02	53.50	-0.13	5.78
-do- Inc	36.67	39.22*	-0.31	4.52
Smlr Cos Acc	92.92	98.68	-0.23	4.52
-do- Inc	70.68	82.02	-0.05	1.81
Amer Gth Acc	60.66	64.88	-0.05	1.81
-do- Inc	59.53	63.67*	-0.43	...
Euro Gth Acc	96.98	103.72	-0.42	...
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Mngd P folio	34.29	36.67	+0.09	1.78
Pacific Growth	90.40	95.61	+0.05	1.54
Intl Spec Opps	85.89	91.86	+0.07	1.17
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BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444 458144				
Financial	110.50	117.70	+1.40	3.78
Smaller Cos Acc	257.80	274.60	-0.30	...
Smaller Cos Inc	151.00	160.90	-0.30	1.43
High Inc	71.26	76.25	+0.45	7.24
Income	123.00	131.60	+0.50	4.41
Mngd P folio Inc	92.15	98.14*	-0.36	2.12
-do- Acc	174.00	185.30	+2.10	...
North American	113.20	120.60	-0.90	0.18
Orient	101.70	109.50	-1.30	...
Recovery	36.32	39.05	+0.28	3.02
German	42.44	45.51	-0.01	0.09
Intl Growth	33.69	35.88	-0.05	0.22
European Inc	22.70	24.44	-0.12	0.46
Conv General	19.33	20.68	+0.01	8.07
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	62.97	66.99	+0.26	1.05
-do- Acc	70.20	74.69	+0.31	1.05
Income Fund 5	206.50	219.70	+1.50	3.99
-do- Acc	469.60	499.60	+3.60	3.99
Inv Portfolio	64.15	68.55	-0.31	2.19
-do- Acc	74.70	77.41	-0.36	2.19
Smaller Cos	115.90	123.50	+0.90	2.08
-do- Acc	139.20	148.10	-1.00	2.08
High Inc P folio	57.90	60.01	+0.29	4.88
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL. 071 480 7216				
Stri Gilt Fxd Int	69.25	70.28	+0.16	5.92
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH. 061 837 5060				
Environ	133.80	142.40	+0.40	1.71
UK Growth	141.30	150.40*	+1.30	2.46
UK Income	120.70	128.50	-0.70	4.61
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	81.10	86.74	+1.57	1.07
Growth	43.67	46.71*	+0.29	3.06
Income	51.50	55.08*	+0.33	4.32
Far East	42.55	45.51	+0.47	0.33
North American	96.05	102.04	-1.10	0.01
Global	83.92	89.76	-0.28	0.67
European	68.47	73.23	+0.15	1.28
Japan	89.16	95.36	+0.63	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	60.30	63.98	-0.01	4.94
UK Cap Gwth	76.59	81.92	+0.26	2.34
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF. Enquiries: 061 236 5685. Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	137.90	146.70	-0.10	0.06
-do- Acc	146.60	156.00	...	0.06
European	67.43	71.40	+0.09	1.06
-do- Acc	69.89	74.01	+0.10	1.06
Far East Gen	49.86	53.05	-0.23	...
-do- Acc	49.86	53.05	-0.23	...
Glenfriars	246.70	262.50	-1.40	1.29
-do- Acc	277.10	294.80	-1.60	1.29
Growth	368.30	394.00	-1.30	2.58
-do- Acc	626.30	669.90	-2.00	2.58
Income Growth	359.30	382.30*	-0.30	4.15
-do- Acc	477.80	508.30	-0.40	4.15
Master Portfolio	9323.0	9634.0*	+42.00	2.85
-do- Acc	10738.0	11097.0	+49.00	2.85
Special Sits	83.88	89.26*	+0.28	2.55
-do- Acc	98.17	104.44	-0.32	2.55
Exempt Fund				
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Capital	518.60	553.40	-0.30	3.54
Eurotrack 100	130.80	139.10*	-0.40	1.72
Euro Gth	80.42	85.62	+0.37	1.44
Far East Growth	81.94	87.44	+0.61	0.49
Global Bond	23.50	24.76*	+0.13	6.42
Hong Kong	73.18	78.10	-3.94	0.64
Income	492.40	525.50	-1.30	4.77
Intl Growth	73.22	78.14	+0.67	1.04
Japan Growth	211.20	225.30	-3.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	26.84	28.64*	-0.14	...
Japan Index	62.61	66.81*	-0.70	0.30
Nth American	439.40	468.90	-0.50	0.96
S pore Mly Gth	50.12	53.48	+0.65	...
The Footsie Fd	105.60	111.50	...	2.56
Tiger Index	138.60	147.90	+2.70	0.96
Triple Index	99.33	106.00	+0.20	2.89
UK Index	119.70	127.20*	+0.20	3.37
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH. 071 606 0708				
American P folio	86.52	92.45	...	1.00
European P folio	71.82	76.28	...	1.38
Japanese P folio	50.62	53.71	+0.15	...
Pacific P folio	91.75	98.66	+0.71	2.43
Cazenove P folio	68.23	72.98*	...	3.00
UK Income Gth	60.86	65.23	...	5.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	585.00	591.20	...	5.04
Fixed Int	153.10	153.85	...	9.50
Deposit	6.20	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Income	575.06	577.14	...	5.18
-do- Acc	2223.3	2229.1	...	...
Deposit	6.00	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.61	124.64	...	9.31
-do- Acc	162.05	162.22	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	62.40	65.68	-0.60	2.47
Beckman Intl	79.91	84.37	...	3.35
Friars Hse Inc	174.30	187.42	-2.72	6.62
Friars Hse Cap	241.80	260.03	-4.57	2.98
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818				
American Gth	113.51	120.76	+0.01	...
European Gth	95.74	101.85	-0.18	1.26
Far East Gth	95.77	101.88	+1.31	0.30
Japan Gth Acc	34.02	36.19	+0.21	...
Managed	60.82	64.70	-0.37	3.00
-do- Acc	73.45	78.14	+0.45	3.00
Mthly Inc Plus	46.55	49.52	+0.09	8.33
Smaller Cos	31.47	33.48*	+0.05	2.19
-do- Acc	35.43	37.69	-0.07	2.19
UK General	66.76	71.02	+0.52	2.80
-do- Acc	80.01	85.15	+0.63	2.80
Wwide Bd	65.96	70.17	-0.30	6.10
-do- Acc	82.65	87.93	-0.37	6.10
Wwide Sp Sits	54.48	58.27*	-0.16	0.24
-do- Acc	56.64	60.58	+0.16	0.24
Quilter General	119.72	127.37	+1.85	2.55
-do- Acc	131.77	140.19	+2.04	2.55
Quilter Income	89.78	95.51*	+0.48	4.97
-do- Acc	110.66	117.72	+0.61	4.97
Quilter Intl	128.14	136.31	-1.35	0.41
-do- Acc	129.90	138.19	-1.37	0.41
Quilter UK Spec	68.09	72.44	+0.56	2.35
-do- Acc	90.09	95.84	+0.76	2.35
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	97.84	104.09	-0.67	1.86
Fixed Conv	39.56	42.09*	-0.38	8.40
-do- Acc	103.21	109.80	-0.99	8.40
Equity Inc	137.56	146.34*	-1.00	4.23
-do- Acc	442.32	470.55	+3.25	4.23
High Yield	114.04	121.32	+0.62	5.30
-do- Acc	426.82	454.06	+2.31	5.30
Preference	46.18	49.10*	-0.12	8.08
-do- Acc	233.50	248.40	-0.58	8.08
PPT Europe	150.61	160.22	-0.22	0.57
PPT Global Bnd	84.80	90.21	+0.35	4.79
PPT Gold Com	51.10	54.36	-0.41	...
PPT Thai	61.06	64.96	-1.42	...
PPT Hong Kong	97.57	103.79	-3.27	0.37
PPT Japan	93.52	99.49	-0.61	...
PPT N Amer	158.59	168.71	-0.04	...
PPT S'pore Mly	102.10	108.62	-1.47	...
PPT UK	112.80	120.10	+0.89	1.54
PPT Cash	90.99	90.99	+0.03	6.30
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	77.42	82.36	+1.53	0.96
Japanese Acc	48.92	52.04	-0.31	...
UK Balncd Inc	121.30	129.00	+0.90	2.60
-do- Acc	141.60	150.60	+1.10	2.60
UK Growth Acc	200.60	213.40	+1.20	2.26
UK High Inc	128.60	136.80	+1.10	6.94
N America Acc	151.80	161.50	-1.20	0.94
European Acc	118.90	126.50	-0.80	0.31
UK Pref F/I Inc	152.00	161.70	-0.10	0.43
-do- Acc	59.86	63.54	+0.43	8.89
Intl Sp Sits Acc	96.63	102.60	+0.70	8.89
Environmntl Opp	46.45	49.41	-0.11	0.23
	70.81	75.33	-0.44	1.47
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	117.60	124.90	-0.30	...
UK Smlr Cos	178.60	189.80	-0.70	1.32
Eurofund	38.43	40.63	-0.65	0.98
Mngd Exempt	163.80	170.70	+2.70	3.08
Growth Inc	207.50	220.50	-0.10	4.08
High Dist	134.90	143.30	+0.20	6.04
International	314.60	334.30	-0.55	3.01
Intl Income	80.90	86.30*	+1.19	0.48
Pacific	58.45	62.10	...	...
Smllr Jap Cos	35.61	59.11	-0.36	...
Tokyo	165.60	176.10	+1.70	...
Japan Exempt	91.93	94.46	+1.20	0.53
Sm Jap Exempt	456.60	469.10	+19.70	0.11
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7261				
Endurance	166.30	176.90	...	1.07
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	102.39	107.78	+0.32	3.68
High Income	117.04	123.20	+0.69	5.15
Tst of Inv Tsts	139.32	146.65*	+0.53	2.35
Special Sits	82.03	86.35	+0.45	3.38
North American	110.80	116.63	-0.99	1.06
Far Eastern	216.20	227.58	+2.99	1.55
Intl Growth	91.40	96.21	+0.49	1.51
European	64.19	67.57	+0.12	2.16
Smaller Cos	69.04	72.67	+0.65	2.37
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
America	226.90	240.80	-1.00	...
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	6.10
European Tst	109.80	116.80	-0.10	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	93.85	99.32*	+0.04	0.88
Far Eastern	118.10	126.40	+1.80	...
Oseas Income	89.99	96.31	+0.73	2.66
UK Growth	89.72	95.96*	+0.89	1.72
UK Income	99.80	106.60	+0.60	3.88
US Smaller Cos	239.10	255.70	+0.70	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	447.90	479.90	+0.70	...
-do- Acc	457.60	489.30	-0.70	...
Capital	280.30	298.10	+0.40	2.19
-do- Acc	386.90	411.50	+0.50	2.19
Contl Smllr Cos	45.93	49.74	+0.39	1.36
-do- Acc	47.52	51.47	+0.41	1.36
Convertible	106.90	113.70*	...	6.63
-do- Acc	197.90	210.50*	-0.10	6.63
European	97.91	104.80	-0.10	0.99
-do- Acc	101.20	108.30	+0.10	0.99
Extra Income	278.50	296.20*	+1.20	4.57
-do- Acc	390.00	414.80*	+1.70	4.57
Financial	107.30	115.50	-0.10	0.55
-do- Acc	111.70	120.20	-0.10	0.55
Health Fund Inc	130.10	138.90	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	130.10	138.90	+0.10	...
Income Tst	171.10	182.00	+0.50	4.30
-do- Acc	238.50	253.60	+0.60	4.30
Intl Growth	312.40	333.90	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	346.90	370.90	+0.30	...
Japan Gen	141.00	150.90	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	142.40	152.40	+0.20	...
Mngd P folio Inc	89.88	94.61	+0.24	1.06
-do- Acc	92.82	97.70	+0.25	1.06
Monthly Income	140.50	149.40	+0.40	4.68
Recovery	291.50	311.70*	-0.50	0.63
-do- Acc	341.40	365.00*	-0.60	0.63
Gilt Gth Tst	61.19	63.09	+0.54	7.05
-do- Acc	76.82	79.21	+0.68	7.05
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	336.39	357.86	...	3.00
-do- Acc	679.19	722.54	...	3.00
Euro Gth Dist	104.28	110.94*	...	1.08
-do- Acc	107.39	114.25*	...	1.08
Fixed Int Dist	128.87	136.31	...	6.99
-do- Acc	213.89	226.24	...	6.69
Intl Gth Dist	74.33	79.07	...	0.82
-do- Acc	76.88	81.79	...	0.82
Nth Amer Dist	176.28	186.90*	...	0.73
-do- Acc	191.34	202.86*	...	0.73
Pac Basin Dist	221.43	235.56*	...	0.35
-do- Acc	224.84	239.19*	...	0.35
Stewardship Dist	286.46	304.75	...	1.99
-do- Acc	338.91	360.54	...	1.99
Stwd Inc Dist	59.02	62.79*	...	3.98
-do- Acc	72.41	77.03*	...	3.98
N Am Stwd Dist	100.02	106.40*	...	0.02
-do- Acc	105.81	112.56*	...	0.02
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	139.40	149.10	-1.30	...
European	401.40	425.90	+0.10	0.93
Far East General	198.90	212.00	+2.60	0.31
Germany	98.10	103.90	+0.40	0.39
Global Assets In	66.33	70.95	+0.56	2.17
Global Assets Ac	69.50	74.34	+0.59	2.14
Income	108.60	116.20	+0.40	7.25
International	253.40	271.10	-1.60	0.96
Intl Income	76.85	81.66	+0.55	4.52
Japan General	310.50	328.90	-1.10	...
Smllr Cos Div	44.83	47.95*	+0.29	6.33
UK Capital Inc	148.00	158.30*	+1.10	4.16
-do- Acc	253.20	270.80	+2.10	4.06
UK Spec Sits	68.40	73.16	-0.50	1.67
US General	117.30	124.90	+0.10	0.10
W wide Spec Sits	114.80	122.40	+0.40	0.10
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	42.16	45.09*	-0.31	1.29
Cash Trust	127.31	127.31*	-0.04	5.38
Pract Inv Inc	100.04	107.92	-0.11	4.10
-do- Acc	214.87	230.42	-0.22	4.10
UK Smaller Cos	95.44	102.35	+0.05	1.65
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.19	25.87*	+0.04	9.62
High Inc	30.13	32.22*	+0.20	5.59
UK Equity Inc	122.02	130.50*	+1.02	4.34
Global Bond	30.46	31.56	+0.14	5.45
International Funds				
Gold Intl	65.47	70.21	-0.64	1.67
Frontier Markets	42.14	45.19	-0.24	0.29
Global Inc Gth	121.55	129.83	-0.56	2.70
UK Intl	107.42	114.89	-0.31	0.96
Overseas Funds				
American	134.27	143.42	-0.47	0.57
European	82.69	87.69	-0.06	0.94
Euro Sel Opps	94.24	100.24*	-0.12	1.32
American Emerg	79.97	85.76	-0.24	...
Hong Kong	105.89	113.56	-4.39	1.03
Japan	169.12	179.91	-0.66	...
Pacific Growth	142.74	153.07	-2.34	0.50
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	120.84	129.24	-0.92	0.95
American Gth	124.18	132.82	-3.29	0.35
European Gth	68.57	73.33	-0.32	0.82
German Horizon	48.54	51.90	-0.25	0.92
Japan Gth	63.67	68.09	+0.43	...
Pacific Inc	127.86	136.74	+2.44	3.22
Pacific Strategy	105.11	112.42	+0.75	...
UK Prog Inc	69.04	73.52	-0.01	6.11
Gt British Cos	46.08	49.30	+0.41	2.00
UK Small Cos	43.66	46.69	-0.09	2.60
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9668				
Cash	130.00	130.00	+0.10	5.92
Gilt Fixed	120.10	127.30	+1.90	6.60
Growth Equity	275.20	294.00	+1.70	2.34
Guardhill	410.00	438.00	+2.90	2.64
Income Trust	101.40	108.30	+0.70	3.91
International	152.90	163.30	-0.40	0.31
Japan Trust	104.20	111.30	-1.00	...
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	264.20	282.20	-0.90	0.35
Pacific	335.40	358.30	+3.50	0.01
Prop Shares	...	...	...	...
Small Cos	...	...	...	...
European	336.10	359.00	-0.30	0.64
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	33.94	35.98*	...	1.83
-do- Acc	35.53	37.67	...	1.83
Inc Adv Inc	28.83	30.56	...	4.29
-do- Acc	29.71	31.50	...	4.29
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	70.33	75.34	+0.09	0.73
Equity Income	108.20	115.10*	+1.40	3.72
European	135.00	142.80	+0.40	1.48
Intl Situation	72.95	77.61	+0.56	...
Japanese	114.80	122.00	+0.90	...
North American	106.20	112.70	-0.20	0.05
Scandinavian	105.40	111.30	-0.70	0.12
Smaller Cos	28.87	30.71*	-0.03	7.88
HENDERSON PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	95.15	101.76	-0.78	...
Asian Enterprise	119.26	127.77	-1.39	1.14
Australian	129.60	138.53	-1.42	1.34
European	360.46	381.94	-0.97	1.04
European Inc	68.58	72.61*	-0.10	3.26
Euro Sml Co	118.64	126.56	-0.17	0.86
Extra Income	250.25	266.41	+1.98	5.50
Family of Funds	66.67	71.20*	-0.02	1.17
Fixed Interest	55.45	59.29	-0.38	9.28
Global Resour	82.11	88.14*	-0.25	1.61
High Inc	268.50	287.02*	+1.46	4.88
Income Gth	226.18	240.88	+1.35	4.02
-do- Acc	569.19	606.17	+3.39	4.02
International	224.26	238.77	-0.44	0.81
Japan Spc Sit	188.77	200.71	+0.13	...
Japan	162.87	173.14*	-0.53	...
N Amer	240.12	255.54*	-2.10	0.22
Pacific Smllr Cos	162.24	174.02	+1.11	1.27
Pref Gth	45.67	49.63*	+0.33	9.80
Smaller Cos Div	152.68	166.41*	+0.27	4.47
Special Sits	247.65	264.98	+1.19	1.38
-do- Acc	379.27	405.81	+1.81	1.38
Best of British	54.14	58.08	+0.44	2.58
Spirit of the East	54.58	58.27	+0.62	0.75
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	85.11	91.02	-0.07	2.34
Capital	149.70	160.10*	-1.00	2.06
Dollar	318.80	340.90	-0.20	0.28
European	192.30	205.60	-0.60	0.55
Far East	228.70	244.50	+2.90	0.63
Financial	632.10	676.00	-4.50	2.64
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.63	26.62*	+0.27	8.16
High Yield	96.59	103.30	+0.50	5.23
Income	128.50	137.40	+0.70	3.66
Intl	207.20	221.60*	+0.60	0.51
Japan Tech	55.81	59.68*	+0.45	...
Nat Resources	56.26	60.17	-0.09	0.88
Security	283.50	303.20	+1.80	2.20
Smaller Cos	101.60	108.60	-0.10	1.80
Special Sits	128.70	137.60	-1.10	2.38
US Smaller Cos	72.76	77.81	-0.66	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O'seas	246.90	259.90	-1.80	1.30
Capital Gwth	101.10	106.40	...	2.50
Inv Trusts	123.00	129.50	...	0.73
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	21.80	24.01*	+0.06	1.81
Special Features	25.98	27.60	+0.19	1.63
-do- Acc	30.47	32.37	+0.22	1.63
General Funds				
UK Growth	51.08	54.69	-0.30	2.72
Assets Earnings	67.78	72.01	-0.37	2.08
do Acc	79.79	84.77*	-0.43	2.08
Managed Invest	81.52	87.09*	-0.29	1.37
Eupen Children	73.45	78.37	-0.49	1.79
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.07	50.07*	+0.01	5.35
Extra Inc	75.74	81.14*	+0.55	5.39
Gilt	27.52	28.97	+0.25	7.17
Income Gth	36.99	39.56	+0.32	3.80
MIMstar	76.04	77.95	+0.36	8.30
Preference	17.76	18.86	+0.09	7.08
UK Income	296.20	316.80	+0.30	3.63
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	52.40	55.67	+0.30	1.71
Property Shares	55.80	59.28	-0.01	2.19
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	135.80	143.80	+1.50	3.76
European Acc	111.00	117.70	-0.10	1.88
European Dist	105.70	112.00	-0.10	1.91
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	51.66	54.94	-0.03	1.09
European Perf	106.80	113.40	-0.30	1.24
-do- Acc	108.90	115.50	-0.20	1.24
Euro Small Cos	20.10	21.47	+0.03	0.80
French Growth	67.40	71.74*	-0.01	0.65
-do- Inc	71.83	76.43	+0.01	0.64
Hong Kg/China	63.95	68.87	-1.96	1.54
Intl Growth	49.22	52.29	-0.10	1.21
-do- Acc	49.22	52.29	-0.10	1.21
Japan Perf	26.74	28.39	+0.03	...
Accum Units	26.74	28.39	+0.03	...
Japan Smllr Cos	28.77	30.55	-0.10	...
Singapore Asean	71.31	77.14	+0.19	0.62
-do- Acc	71.75	77.62	+0.20	0.62
South East Asia	209.40	226.00	+3.80	1.90
US Smllr Cos	114.60	121.70	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	115.80	123.00	-0.10	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	82.40	87.73	+0.41	2.67
Intl Bond	58.76	59.42	-0.22	6.45
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	68.64	68.98*	+0.02	5.73
Extra Income	50.24	53.45	-0.65	7.20
Gilt Yield	118.80	125.30	-0.30	7.99
Global Income	190.00	202.10*	-0.97	4.23
High Yield	128.20	136.40*	+0.40	6.43
Smllr Cos Div	43.44	46.21*	+0.06	5.17
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	93.94	99.94	+0.45	...
North American	78.40	83.40	+0.22	0.42
European	130.10	138.40	-0.20	0.91
Euro Special	77.48	82.43	+0.16	1.01
General	257.60	274.00*	+0.70	3.47
Japan	323.70	344.40	-3.00	...
Japanese Special	173.60	184.70	-1.10	...
Master Acc	211.00	224.50	-1.20	1.47
Pacific	247.00	262.80	-8.90	0.50
Smaller Cos	91.62	97.47	+0.44	3.37
UK Equity Gth	32.76	34.85*	+0.46	2.84
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5ER. 031 550 5151				
European	72.71	77.35*	...	0.72
Extra Income	23.56	25.08*	+0.40	3.51
Far East	23.68	25.19	+0.56	0.99
Income Gwth	71.10	75.64	+0.63	3.07
Intl Growth	49.40	52.55	-0.17	1.00
Japan	52.49	55.84*	+0.55	...
Maximum Dist*	100.40	102.40*	-0.10	8.15
N Amer Equity	41.70	44.36	-0.21	0.47
UK Equity	83.23	88.54	-0.70	2.95
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	50.37	53.59*	...	4.96
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690595				
Equity Dist	414.50	441.00	+2.70	2.99
Equity Acc	780.60	830.40	+5.10	2.99
Equity Income	87.67	93.27*	+0.72	5.26
European	95.09	101.20*	-0.30	1.63
Far Eastern	160.90	171.20	-1.00	0.34
Fixed Interest	49.93	53.12	+0.44	8.00
Gilt	90.60	96.08	+1.02	6.80
Global Growth	63.03	67.05	...	1.01
Intl Bond	57.47	61.14*	-0.06	5.49
Japanese	56.06	59.64*	+0.33	...
Overseas Equity	91.90	97.77	+0.04	0.85
Pacific Gth	79.43	84.50	-0.43	1.42
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	308.30	328.00	+7.20	3.21
-do- Acc	667.50	710.20	+15.20	3.21
Contl Euro Gth	51.02	53.71	-0.07	1.48
-do- Acc	53.95	56.79	-0.09	1.48
Extra Inc	231.90	246.80	+1.50	4.35
-do- Acc	564.00	600.10	+3.60	4.35
German Gth	101.40	106.80	-0.30	0.18
-do- Acc	106.30	111.90	-0.40	0.18
Growth Port	471.50	501.60	+1.30	2.64
-do- Acc	471.50	501.60	+1.30	2.64
Income	433.70	461.40	+3.10	3.93
-do- Acc	1098.0	1169.0	+8.00	3.93
Income Port	477.30	507.70	+2.20	3.83
-do- Acc	477.30	507.70	+2.20	3.83
Japan Growth	77.33	82.27	+0.34	0.01
-do- Acc	77.60	82.56	+0.34	0.01
Master Trust	50.72	53.96	+0.32	1.39
-do- Acc	55.16	58.69	+0.35	1.39
N American Gen	194.00	206.40	-1.60	0.01
-do- Acc	224.10	238.50	-1.80	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	141.60	150.70	+1.60	0.01
-do- Acc	144.50	153.80	+1.60	0.01
Pacific Basin	192.80	205.20	+3.20	0.53
-do- Acc	203.80	216.90	+3.40	0.53
Small Cos Rec	284.60	299.60	-9.80	2.45
-do- Acc	367.10	386.50	-12.70	2.45
UK Growth	75.79	80.63	-0.83	2.42
-do- Acc	88.37	94.02	-0.96	2.42
Worldwide Gth	273.00	290.50	+1.10	0.28
-do- Acc	402.30	428.00	+1.60	0.28
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	75.19	80.68	+0.62	3.10
Income	58.07	62.31	+0.27	6.10
International	54.93	58.94	+0.01	0.80
American	62.57	67.14	-0.48	0.30
Japan	40.98	43.97	+0.20	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	53.09	56.96	+0.32	2.00
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	406.80	430.00*	-2.50	0.81
-do- Acc	502.00	530.60	-3.10	0.81
American Rec	423.60	449.00	-3.20	0.54
-do- Acc	484.70	513.70	-3.60	0.54
Am Sm Co Acc	123.30	132.00	-0.70	0.11
Australia Acc	135.80	142.90	-1.40	1.72
Capital	600.30	634.50*	+1.50	3.30
-do- Acc	662.30	700.30	+1.60	3.30
Commodity Acc	383.80	405.90	-0.70	1.30
Compnd Gth	778.50	823.30	+5.90	3.42
Dividend	32.40	34.70	+0.30	4.87
-do- Acc	126.10	135.00	+1.00	4.87
Equity Inc	269.80	288.70*	+1.38	5.74
European Div	56.20	60.10*	+0.10	5.13
-do- Acc	63.60	67.90	+0.10	5.13
European Gen	374.60	396.10	-0.80	1.58
-do- Acc	468.00	494.90	-0.80	1.58
Extra Yield	345.60	369.80	-3.70	5.16
-do- Acc	993.20	1062.8	+10.60	5.16
Far Eastern	259.20	274.80*	+2.10	1.52
-do- Acc	341.00	361.50	+2.80	1.52
Fund of Inv	480.30	507.90	+2.70	2.43
-do- Acc	866.00	916.40	+4.90	2.43
General	50.40	53.30	+0.40	4.09
-do- Acc	132.80	140.50	+1.10	4.09
Gilt Fxd Int	61.00	61.10*	-0.60	8.93
do Acc	150.80	150.90	-1.40	8.93
Gold	36.60	39.20*	-0.30	2.10
-do- Acc	42.80	45.90	-0.30	2.10
High Inc	22.80	24.10	+0.20	5.29
-do- Acc	84.30	89.10	+0.60	5.29
Intl Growth	66.20	70.20*	...	1.10
-do- Acc	114.10	121.00	-0.10	1.10
Intl Inc	89.70	95.50	+0.50	5.19
Japan Gen Acc	41.00	43.40	+0.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	117.60	124.30	+0.10	...
Midland	48.10	51.50	+0.10	4.72
-do- Acc	152.30	163.00	+0.40	4.72
Recovery	33.10	35.40	+0.20	3.53
-do- Acc	52.00	55.60	+0.20	3.53
Second Gen	56.50	59.70	+0.20	4.02
-do- Acc	138.20	146.10	+0.60	4.02
Smaller Cos	54.90	58.10*	...	3.84
-do- Acc	104.20	110.20	+0.10	3.84
Trustee	35.70	37.80	+0.20	4.42
Charibond 3	1109.97	...	+1.00	8.80
Charifund 2	591.30	600.20*	+5.80	5.36
Pension ex 1	824.90	845.60	+6.10	4.74
NAACIF Inc 3	344.50	...	+0.30	8.02
-do- Acc 3	11045.7	...	+5.50	8.02
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	130.60	139.70*	+0.72	2.61
-do- Acc	145.00	155.10*	+0.72	2.61
UK Income	106.30	113.70*	+0.42	3.24
-do- Acc	118.50	126.80*	+0.62	3.24
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	77.43	82.81*	+0.21	0.61
Far East (Pacific)	122.10	129.60	+1.40	0.44
Income Growth	67.72	71.88*	-0.77	4.50
European	64.61	68.58*	+0.08	2.02
Nth American	59.22	62.86	-0.60	1.16
UK Growth	73.63	78.16	+0.42	1.51
Intl Growth	87.69	93.08	+0.16	0.59
Charities	103.30	109.60*	+0.30	1.81
Intl Income	63.88	67.81	-0.44	4.47
Japan	41.25	43.78	+0.15	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	198.00	210.60	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	211.60	225.10	-0.50	...
Cash	100.40	100.40*	...	6.45
-do- Acc	127.80	127.80*	...	6.45
European Gth	192.80	204.60	-0.30	0.34
-do- Acc	206.40	219.00	-0.40	0.34
General	442.30	471.80	+4.30	2.76
-do- Acc	829.30	884.80	+8.00	2.76
Global Dist	136.10	143.00	+0.10	5.45
-do- Acc	149.20	156.70	+0.10	5.45
Income	137.10	142.00	+1.00	5.13
-do- Acc	191.50	204.20	+1.50	5.13
International	365.60	389.80	-1.90	0.96
-do- Acc	484.90	517.00	-2.40	0.96
Japan	152.40	161.70*	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	156.50	166.00*	-0.60	...
New Europe	129.20	137.90*	+0.50	1.45
-do- Acc	131.30	140.10*	-0.50	1.45
Recovery	272.90	291.10	+1.30	2.41
-do- Acc	341.00	363.80	+1.70	2.41
European Inc	73.53	77.94*	-0.34	3.01
-do- Acc	93.29	98.86*	-0.44	3.01
Brit Blue Chip	69.14	73.70	+0.75	3.74
-do- Acc	80.96	86.31	+0.89	3.74
Portfolio	71.56	76.14	+0.51	3.14
-do- Acc	80.19	85.31	+0.57	3.14
Gold General	63.30	67.53	-0.11	3.59
-do- Acc	64.18	68.46	-0.12	3.59
Pacific	85.87	91.62	+1.20	0.54
-do- Acc	90.70	96.55	+1.27	0.54
UK Smaller Cos	48.55	51.79	-0.20	1.11
-do- Acc	53.99	57.59	-0.22	1.11
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 520 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	56.41	60.33	+0.20	3.70
-do- Acc	56.41	60.33	+0.20	3.70
British Dist	76.49	81.81	+0.60	2.43
-do- Acc	84.50	90.37	+0.67	2.43
European Gth	167.50	178.70	...	0.35
-do- Acc	210.20	224.40	+0.10	0.35
Extra High Inc	66.37	70.98*	+0.27	6.80
-do- Acc	115.40	123.40	+0.50	6.80
FT-SE 100 Index	46.75	50.00	...	...
-do- Acc	46.75	50.00	...	...
Gilt Fixed Int	56.23	58.60	+0.39	7.08
-do- Acc	146.00	152.10	+1.00	7.08
High Yield	209.10	223.60	+0.90	5.29
-do- Acc	479.80	513.20	+2.20	5.29
Income	265.00	283.40*	+1.40	4.15
-do- Acc	550.70	589.00	+3.10	4.15
Japan Gth	273.60	292.60	+3.00	...
-do- Acc	288.70	308.80	+3.00	...
Mandarin Acc	91.43	98.66	+1.87	1.27
North American	172.70	184.70	-0.20	0.71
-do- Acc	217.10	232.20	-0.20	0.71
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	261.70	278.50*	-1.70	0.46
Deposit Inc	100.07	100.07*	+0.03	5.90
Deposit Acc	121.30	121.30*	+0.04	5.90
Euro Gth Acc	253.30	270.40*	+0.30	...
Europa	115.80	124.40*	-0.50	...
Intl Gth	160.00	170.80	...	...
Japan Tracker	60.54	64.14	+0.52	...
UK Equity Inc	137.40	148.00	+0.10	5.30
-do- Acc	165.40	178.20	+0.10	5.30
UK Ind Tracker	136.90	146.70*	+1.10	3.60
US Eq Ind Trkr	200.40	212.40	-1.20	1.21
-do- Acc	210.80	223.50	-1.20	1.21
Asian Trader	142.30	154.50	+2.70	1.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	179.50	183.60*	-0.70	2.60
European	60.23	61.84	+0.02	1.26
Olympiad	52.91	54.42*	+0.21	0.82
Global Bond	47.60	48.13*	+0.06	7.15
Smaller Cos	58.88	61.48	+0.18	1.97
Equity Income	89.02	91.56	+0.46	5.03
UK Growth	80.59	82.99	+0.21	1.97
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bliss Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	49.61	52.91	-0.22	0.72
Australian Acc	281.90	302	-0.70	...
Conscience	61.43	65.56	+0.34	1.71
-do- Acc	65.96	70.39	+0.35	1.71
European	168.30	179.50	-0.30	1.20
-do- Acc	179.60	191.50	-0.30	1.20
Extra Income	69.81	74.50	-0.03	6.35
-do- Acc	104.90	111.90	...	6.35
Far East Gth	144.60	154.50	-3.40	0.08
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.03	60.37	-0.03	7.64
Gold	28.60	30.75	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	30.80	33.11	-0.50	...
Income	49.84	53.16	+0.20	4.42
-do- Acc	149.40	159.30	+0.80	4.42
International	28.68	30.77	+0.16	0.88
-do- Acc	41.21	44.21	+0.21	0.88
Jap Sm Cos Acc	253.20	270	+0.70	...
S pore Mly Acc	154.80	165.90	-1.90	...
Smllr Cos Acc	23.33	25.08	+0.05	2.07
Special Sits	30.93	33.25	+0.15	1.83
-do- Acc	35.29	37.94	+0.16	1.83
Tokyo	67.45	71.94	+0.62	...
-do- Acc	68.13	72.67	+0.63	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	65.33	69.50	-0.56	3.00
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	72.29	76.50	-1.38	7.05
N&P Higher Inc	175.90	186.70*	-1.30	5.12
N&P UK Income	95.70	102.36	+0.67	4.23
N&P Intl	83.70	90.00	+0.40	2.20
N&P Smaller Cos	70.23	75.12	+0.13	1.87
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	156.71	166.72	+1.05	2.53
Global	267.32	284.39	-1.04	0.82
Growth	100.90	107.35	+0.66	2.50
Income	191.61	203.85*	+1.35	4.30
Intl Bond	127.22	135.35	-0.67	6.30
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577.				
Growth	134.20	141.20	+1.20	2.84
-do- Acc	232.30	244.50	+2.20	2.84
Income	209.60	222.90	+1.50	3.91
Intl Equity	209.50	222.80	+0.80	1.15
-do- Acc	229.30	243.90	+0.80	1.15
Equity	209.20	222.50	+1.80	2.71
-do- Acc	424.10	451.10	+3.70	2.71
UK Intl 25 Acc	66.02	70.22	+0.46	2.17
UK Income	56.86	60.48*	+0.42	3.48
UK Smllr Co Acc	65.92	70.13	-0.34	1.83
New Europe Acc	61.33	65.24	-0.13	1.66
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	84.18	90.04	+0.94	0.24
PEP Gth Inc	94.35	100.91	+0.23	1.21
Intl Gth	445.44	476.41	+1.53	1.33
Income	273.30	292.30	+0.65	3.97
W wide Recov	277.20	296.48	-0.40	0.06
American Gth	206.07	220.40	+0.25	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	171.49	183.42	+0.75	0.23
Far East Gth	178.63	191.05	+2.94	0.38
European Gth	108.87	116.44	+0.51	1.17
UK Growth	69.70	74.55	-0.31	3.12
High Income	75.45	80.70*	+0.62	4.81
Japanese Gth	162.14	172.88	+1.11	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	168.60	179.40	-0.30	0.79
High Income	103.70	110.30	+0.30	3.92
Conv Gilt	108.80	115.70	...	6.05
Far East	291.00	309.60	-0.50	0.12
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	52.58	55.94	...	0.82
Emerging Mkts	59.51	63.31	...	0.23
General	46.01	48.95	...	3.50
International	82.36	87.62	...	1.30
Gilt Units	25.07	25.85*	...	8.23
Global PEP	34.86	37.08	...	2.10
Income Gth	60.30	64.15*	...	5.48
European	43.48	46.26	...	1.15
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.16	26.77	...	6.22
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Pricelink: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst**	29.02	31.03	+0.17	1.81
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	100.89	100.80*	+0.04	5.46
-do- Acc	103.95	103.95*	+0.05	5.46
Pru Equity	640.47	684.99	+3.82	2.73
Pru Equity Inc	77.10	82.49*	+0.62	4.40
Pru European	170.86	182.73	-0.46	1.84
Pru Global Gth	75.61	80.86*	+0.46	1.59
Pru High Inc	84.00	89.83	+0.48	5.45
Pru Intl	151.31	161.82*	-0.21	1.34
Pru Intl Sm Co	64.74	69.24	+0.25	0.93
Pru Japanese	146.31	156.48	+1.68	...
Pru Nth Amer	147.98	158.26	-0.49	0.44
Pru Pacific Mkt	70.64	75.55*	+1.18	1.86
Pru Premr Inc	49.13	51.16*	+0.52	7.48
Pru Smllr Cos	77.55	82.94	+0.06	2.53
Pru Spec Sits	94.81	101.40*	+0.57	2.63
Pru UK Gwth	106.19	113.57*	-0.69	2.55
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
Income	148.94	160.47	+1.04	3.77
Japan	218.81	234.31	+3.01	...
Major UK Cos	90.20	97.13	+0.58	2.59
America Income	479.64	513.79	-2.67	0.56
-do- Acc	557.10	596.77	-3.09	0.56
Smlly UK Cos	244.49	266.94	+0.06	1.90
Smllr European	246.93	263.14	+0.01	1.54
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	74.23	78.96	-0.08	3.71
Capital Units	137.70	146.40	+0.80	1.59
Commodity	97.47	103.60	-1.60	1.29
European Gth	149.70	159.20	+0.20	1.45
Financial Sec	163.30	173.70	+1.30	2.04
High Return	204.50	217.50*	+1.00	5.00
High Yield	199.20	211.90*	-0.70	4.32
Income Units	105.40	112.10*	+0.50	5.71
Investment	165.10	175.60	+1.20	1.69
Japan Gth	114.70	122.00	+0.30	...
Japan Smaller	155.60	165.50	-1.00	...
Masterfund	44.46	47.29	+0.10	1.23
Scotbits	238.50	253.70*	+1.90	2.18
Scotshares	240.90	256.20	-1.10	3.06
Scotyields	216.10	229.80	+1.50	4.38
Select Intl	124.90	132.80	+0.10	0.70
Smaller Cos	205.30	218.30	+0.30	4.76
Special Situation	104.30	110.90	-0.70	0.86
UK Equity	213.90	237.50*	+2.70	2.84
US Growth	145.00	154.20	-1.40	0.29
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Enq: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	250.91	267.63	-1.40	0.67
-do- Acc	271.06	289.13	-1.52	0.67
Australian	127.48	135.97*	+0.57	0.26
-do- Acc	149.37	159.33	+0.67	0.26
UK Enterprise	193.01	205.87*	+0.59	3.17
-do- Acc	222.93	237.79	+0.68	3.17
European Gth	61.26	65.34*	+0.05	1.33
-do- Acc	63.42	67.64	+0.05	1.33
Euro Smllr Cos	55.35	59.04*	+0.32	0.69
-do- Acc	55.73	59.44	+0.32	0.69
Far Eastern Gth	64.03	68.29*	+0.94	...
-do- Acc	65.15	69.48	+0.95	...
Fixed Interest	52.71	55.60	+0.20	8.90
-do- Acc	63.15	66.61	+0.24	8.90
Gilt Income	103.96	109.55	+0.33	8.55
-do- Acc	140.56	148.11	+0.44	8.95
Income	292.08	311.55	+1.76	4.61
-do- Acc	846.01	902.42	+5.11	4.61
Japan Enterprise	52.91	56.43	+0.51	...
-do- Acc	52.91	56.43	+0.51	...
Japan Smllr Cos	333.72	355.96*	+0.55	...
-do- Acc	334.38	356.66	+0.56	...
Pacific Gth	81.85	87.30*	+1.53	0.55
-do- Acc	84.40	90.02	+1.58	0.55
Smaller Cos	176.50	188.26*	+0.21	1.33
-do- Acc	202.27	215.76	+0.25	1.33
Tokyo	85.65	91.35	+1.12	...
-do- Acc	86.51	92.28	+1.13	...
UK Equity	195.57	208.60*	-0.51	3.30
-do- Acc	362.14	386.28	-0.95	3.30
US Smllr Cos	131.11	139.85	-0.36	...
-do- Acc	131.11	139.85	-0.36	...
World Fd	67.10	71.57*	-0.24	1.75
-do- Acc	70.81	75.53	+0.26	1.75
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	40.76	43.41	+0.17	4.38
Equity Strategy	59.78	63.67	-0.23	1.93
European Opps	71.21	75.84	-0.13	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.55	100.13	+0.04	5.91
UK Smaller Cos	47.00	50.06	-0.06	3.24
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	332.00	355.10	+2.30	3.09
American	258.60	274.40	-0.70	0.90
Pacific	289.60	309.70	+3.90	0.90
European	446.80	477.90	+1.80	1.28
Worldwide	76.21	81.51	+0.50	1.47
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	295.20	314.10	+2.50	2.95
UK Sm Cos Eqty	188.90	201.00	...	2.97
European	326.10	347.00	+0.50	3.10
North American	260.20	276.90	-1.70	0.57
Income Plus Inc	61.76	65.71	+0.87	3.82
UK Spec Sits	63.86	67.96	+0.61	2.64
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.38	26.09	+0.20	3.36
Intl Growth Acc	27.23	29.15	+0.06	1.09
Global Inc Acc	30.28	32.41	+0.11	4.06
Market Ldrs Acc	24.80	26.54	+0.33	3.29
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	86.71	92.73	+0.21	...
Euro Spec Sits	42.81	45.49	+0.16	...
-do- Acc	45.32	48.17	+0.17	...
Far East Opps	30.00	32.30	+0.57	...
-do- Acc	30.82	33.19	+0.59	...
General Growth	95.94	102.90*	-0.80	2.43
Global Tech	123.80	133.70	-0.90	...
Income Growth	96.10	103.30*	+0.90	3.99
Income Monthly	54.93	58.74	+0.27	5.35
Japan Growth	66.24	70.44	+0.64	...
Overseas Gth	73.52	78.26	+0.40	...
Smaller Cos	68.66	73.82	+0.53	1.65
Special Opps	95.18	102.30*	-0.30	2.05
Wld Spec Sits	44.23	47.62*	+0.19	...
-do- Acc	44.33	47.73*	+0.19	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	42.47	45.13	...	1.79
Equity Gth Acc	56.84	60.40	-0.10	1.21
UK Eq General	41.06	43.63	+0.20	2.40
-do- Acc	53.87	57.24	+0.20	2.40
European Acc	40.87	43.43	-0.20	1.41
Far East Acc	47.51	50.48	-0.40	0.39
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.23	31.97	-0.50	6.73
N American Acc	46.44	49.35	-0.10	0.75
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	259.30	281.40	-1.70	1.72
UK Eq High Inc	34.07	36.20	+0.20	3.93
-do- Acc	39.97	42.41	+0.20	3.93
UK Lgr Cos Inc	280.40	304.30	+0.70	3.82
UK Lgr Cos Acc	360.70	391.40	+0.90	3.82
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$3.37	NZ$3.58	...	1.10
US Eq	$2.036	$2.162	...	0.86
Far East Eq	Y194.6	Y206.7	...	...
Japan Eq	Y196.7	Y208.9	...	...
FT Europe	112.10	119.10	...	1.83
FT North Am	$1.718	$1.825	...	0.83
FT Japan	Y193.7	Y205.0	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	113.40	120.40	...	1.18
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	362.60	385.10	-2.10	0.28
British	901.70	954.00	+2.30	4.73
European	368.10	392.00	+0.60	1.63
Japan	120.70	128.50	+0.10	...
New Pacific	286.60	305.20	+1.60	1.36
Mngd Cash	95.89	95.89	+0.03	5.53
Majority Stg	100.07	101.07	+0.04	5.38
Inv Tst	177.70	188.40	+1.10	2.04
Saints PPP	342.40	360.40	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	703.90	752.80*	+5.10	2.56
N America Acc	118.50	126.70*	-1.00	0.09
Far East Acc	111.90	119.70*	+0.90	0.14
W wide Bond	63.04	66.92	-0.01	5.36
European	81.01	86.64	-0.01	0.79
Equity Income	78.16	83.59	+0.64	4.18
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basing View, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	35.73	38.22	-0.06	0.74
Managed Assets	115.04	123.04	+1.09	3.69
UK Income	35.25	37.71	+0.33	3.84
UK Growth	35.23	37.68	+0.35	2.64
Worldwide Gth	29.63	31.69	+0.03	0.56
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	208.69	222.01	-0.98	0.23
-do- Acc	229.21	243.84	-0.62	0.23
British Gth	82.15	87.39	+0.68	2.37
-do- Acc	95.86	101.97	+0.53	2.37
European	91.23	97.05*	-0.31	1.19
-do- Acc	96.23	102.37*	-0.32	1.19
Extra Inc	175.00	186.17	-0.89	4.71
-do- Acc	274.73	292.27	-1.41	4.71
General Unit	251.77	267.84*	+1.58	2.68
-do- Acc	496.79	528.50*	+3.11	2.68
Income	304.59	324.03	+2.30	3.94
-do- Acc	620.40	660.00	+4.27	3.94
International	480.20	510.85	+0.36	0.57
-do- Acc	627.70	667.76	+0.47	0.57
Pacific	314.34	334.40	-1.30	0.08
-do- Acc	329.20	350.21	-2.00	0.08
Premier Income	49.72	51.79*	+0.42	7.45
-do- Acc	102.11	106.36*	+0.86	7.45
Nat Resources	93.30	99.25	-0.07	...
-do- Acc	102.30	108.83	-0.09	...
Selected Opps	88.73	94.39	+0.66	1.53
-do- Acc	110.80	117.87	+0.81	1.53
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Charlton Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 346747				
American Eagle	131.10	139.80	-0.20	0.23
Australia	6.938	7.420*	-0.070	1.08
Equity	174.80	187.30	+1.20	5.47
Euro Spec Sits	141.90	150.90	-0.50	0.57
Financial	37.79	40.40	+0.20	3.00
Global Opps Inc	88.22	94.21	+0.28	2.14
-do- Acc	91.44	97.65	+0.29	2.14
Gold Gen Inc	40.68	43.60	-0.60	1.01
-do- Acc	77.62	83.20	-1.16	1.01
Income	113.90	122.00	+0.60	5.06
Japan General	124.40	132.30	+1.00	...
Preference	21.52	23.10*	+0.04	7.85
UK Capital	99.07	106.00*	+1.00	3.18
Worldwide Cap	192.60	205.90*	+1.00	3.12
World Income	82.06	87.44*	+0.35	3.48
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	77.08	82.21	+0.51	...
-do- Acc	79.30	84.80	+0.52	...
Cash	51.29	51.29	+0.02	6.35
-do- Acc	61.04	61.04	+0.02	6.25
European Opps	61.57	65.67	-0.19	0.48
-do- Acc	62.22	66.36	-0.17	0.48
Far East Opps	138.35	147.55	+1.56	0.66
-do- Acc	141.55	150.98	+1.58	0.66
Gold/Nat. Res	37.14	39.61*	+0.05	...
-do- Acc	38.21	40.75*	+0.07	...
Japan	64.07	68.23	-0.35	...
-do- Acc	64.09	68.23	-0.35	...
Little Dragons	66.00	70.39	+0.89	0.71
-do- Acc	67.69	72.20	+0.91	0.71
Oriental Income	40.50	43.20	+0.38	3.66
-do- Acc	51.13	54.53	+0.49	3.66
Tiger	209.64	223.61	+3.25	1.18
-do- Acc	219.28	233.89	+3.40	1.18
UK Small Cos	67.24	71.91	+1.00	2.27
-do- Acc	77.11	82.46	+1.15	2.27
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
United Charities	213.30	229.20	+1.80	4.59
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australasn Gold	10.68	11.36	+0.01	0.50
Pacific Basin	29.91	31.81	+0.47	0.60
Canadian Gth	38.11	40.54	+0.34	0.18
Global Bond	$0.945	$0.984	-0.000	7.24
Penny Share	20.77	22.09	-0.32	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.15	52.15	...	6.29
Gilt Growth	65.07	67.75	+0.64	...
Gilt Income	52.27	54.39	+0.60	8.00
Short Dtd Gilt	109.50	111.00	+0.50	4.6
US Govmnt Bd	$0.708	$0.718	...	...
Challenger	94.12	96.31	+0.47	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0705 388846				
Stockmarket Fd	64.98	69.12	-0.21	2.7

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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Dalgety to absorb part of increase in price of flour

BY GEORGE SIVELL
CITY EDITOR

■ Food prices are likely to rise after sterling's devaluation, but increases will not be fully passed on to customers in the high street, according to food group Dalgety

DALGETY, the food and agriculture group, reported that the price of flour had risen by 15 per cent because of the devaluation of the green pound since sterling's exit from the European exchange-rate mechanism. Maurice Warren, the chairman, said not all of the increase would be passed on to customers. A rise of between 5 and 10 per cent in the shops was more likely.

Mr Warren was announcing results for the six months to December 31. Pre-tax profits increased by 4.5 per cent to £56.2 million, on sales 8 per cent higher at £2.1 billion. The result pushed the shares up 3p to 470p. For the current year, brokers forecast profits of £117 million on sales of £4 billion.

The half-year dividend rises by 5 per cent to 7.85p, out of earnings per share up from 18p to 18.5p. Net debt rose by £30 million to £109 million, or 27 per cent of shareholders' funds, but Dalgety's borrowings are mainly overseas and the devaluation of the pound was responsible for £20 million of the increase. Acquisition costs exceeded disposal proceeds by £31 million. Working capital rose by £17 million.

Dalgety has acted quickly to bring in two non-executive directors after last week's resignation, through ill-health, of John West as non-executive chairman. Mr Warren was promoted from the chief executive's job and Richard Clothier was appointed chief executive from April 1. The two new non-executive directors are Brian Baldock, the deputy chairman of Guinness, and Peter Birch, the chief executive of Abbey National.

Trading profits of consumer foods, including the Golden Wonder, Spillers and Homepride brands, rose by 11 per cent to £30.8 million. The pet food market remains under pressure. Cat food proved more resilient than dog food. Trading profits of food ingredients fell 16 per cent, from £10.8 million to £9.1 million, because of difficulties in the bread market and the temporary closure of a plant at Gainsborough, Lincolnshire. Federal Bakeries was sold to RHM, which is awaiting the rationalisation plans of Tomkins, its new owner.

Food distribution rose by 3 per cent to £7 million, and agribusiness from £11.9 million to £14.6 million. Improved sales of seeds and fertilisers compensated for the wet autumn spoiling the harvest, and lower sales of agrochemicals.

Dalgety said it expected more growth in consumer foods and pet foods, despite tough competition. Homepride is expected to continue to benefit from growth in cooking sauces and Spillers Milling is said to be well placed.

The Martin-Brower food distribution business is expected to have a good second half, because of the improvement at McDonald's on the back of American recovery.

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JOHN MANNING

Plain talking: Sir Michael Bishop, chairman of British Midland Airways, said there is no justification for high fares European business travellers have to pay for flights. "They have been taken for a ride for long enough," he said yesterday while announcing that the airline is to abandon its single-class service. Businessmen still demand a curtained-off cabin of their own, he said, and "there is absolutely no justification for the outrageous fares which they have been asked to pay". Until now, the airline has operated a one-class service on all its European flights. "Business travel competition is now a sham. Europe's open skies have not become a reality and if New Year's day was the dawn of a new [single market] era, clearly someone forgot to tell Europe's flag-carrier airlines." Midland is spending £10 million on a new business class cabin with bigger seats, better food and drink, more in-flight staff and priority check-in. The destinations to be flown by the BMA's new "diamond" service are from Heathrow to: Brussels, Amsterdam, Paris, Dublin, Frankfurt, Nice and Palma. Existing cut-price economy fares will remain available at the back of the aircraft (City Diary, page 25).

MB-Caradon plans stake sale

BY SARAH BAGNALL

MB-CARADON, the buildings products and US cheque printing company, is paving the way for a major acquisition in the building materials sector by flagging the sale of its 25.3 per cent stake in CMB Packaging, the pan-European packaging manufacturer.

The sale, for which shareholder approval is being sought at an extraordinary meeting next month, could raise up to £600 million, based on the market value of the shares. This compares to the £337.5 million value in Caradon's balance sheet for the year ended December 1991. The shares closed unchanged at 310p, having jumped to 321p earlier.

A sale at this price would leave Caradon with net cash of about £500 million, which could be ploughed into an acquisition. Peter Jansen, chief executive at Caradon, highlighted the home improvement products, involved in the repair and maintenance of homes, and building materials as areas of particular interest. "We would be interested in either the UK or continental Europe," he said.

Mr Jansen said the sale was part of the company's long-term plan to focus on building products, while the timing reflects "a combination of the improvement in CMB's share price and the devaluation in sterling" which have increased the value of the holding.

Marley and Hepworths, two building materials groups, are seen as possible targets. Their shares rose 4p to 113p and 11p to 347p respectively.

One possible buyer is Compagnie Générale d'Industrie et de Participations (CGIP), which also holds 25.3 per cent of CMB and has first option over Caradon's holding. If another company makes an offer for Caradon's stake, CGIP, which in the past has indicated an interest in buying the holding, has the right to buy the shares at that price. David Mathers, a buildings analyst at Kleinwort Benson, said Caradon may be able to sell the stake to CGIP at a premium because of the control that the extra shares would give the company. CGIP's shares rose strongly yesterday.

Mr Jansen said approaches had been made by various parties in the past. However, he denied that any current discussions were under way.

Analysts say that the sale would enable Caradon to use the funds more effectively.

Seelig joins board of Norman Hay

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

ROGER Seelig, a former Morgan Grenfell corporate financier, has joined the board of Norman Hay, the loss-making metals processing and coatings group, in his first return to public life since the collapse a year ago of the Guinness 2 trial.

The share price jumped 10p, to 36p, even though Norman Hay took the opportunity to announce full-year losses of at least £2.2 million for calendar 1992, after similar losses last year.

Mr Seelig's arrival is part of a boardroom shake-up at Hay, which has completed a relocation from Heathrow to Coventry. Peter Hay, who replaces his brother, Anthony, as chairman, also announced that Mel Hawley, formerly chief executive of Haden MacLellan Holdings, is to be the group's chief executive.

It is understood Mr Seelig, 48, a personal friend of Peter Hay for some years, introduced the chairman to Mr Hawley recently. Mr Hay said he regarded it as "a great coup" to attract someone to the board of the former merchant banker's calibre. He said Mr Seelig knew "everybody there is to know" in the commercial and property worlds.

It is understood Mr Seelig will look at options for the empty 7.5 acre Heathrow site, and study potential acquisitions. It is likely he will work initially for two or three days a week. Mr Hay said: "Roger has got a very wide background and his knowledge of people is first-class. This is his first comeback to public life since the difficulties of a year ago."

At that time, the Serious Fraud Office announced it would not proceed with a further Guinness trial against Mr Seelig and Lord Spens, a fellow merchant banker, because of Mr Seelig's deteriorating mental health.

On future trading, Mr Hay said he was forecasting the group to be in the black by the end of this year.

BET raises £26.5m from disposals

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

BET, the industrial services conglomerate, has raised £26.5 million through the sale of three more businesses as part of its strategy of divesting underperforming companies.

Two of the operations have been sold to management. Boulton & Paul, the UK joinery operation that lost £9.5 million for the year to March 1992, fetched £14.5 million, and Leada Acrow, the plant services business, £8.5 million. Initial Ireland, the textile services operation, was sold to Spring Grove Services Group for £3.5 million.

BET says it has also realised £12.3 million in cash from the release of capital employed in the businesses prior to disposal.

BET declared itself "happy" with the prices it got, despite a £31 million shortfall on the book value. This deficit is covered by the £90 million provision made in November 1991, £42 million of which remains. At that time, BET said it would dispose of businesses where returns fell below 10 per cent, which amounted to £800 million of turnover. Yesterday's announcement brings the current total to £275 million.

BET believes the disposal programme will now be accelerated as corporate activity picks up in the wake of lower interest rates and is likely to be completed by the middle of next year. John Clark, the group's chief executive, said: "These divestments will help to improve the group's profitability and are an important step forward in the turnround of BET."

Although uncovered by earnings, Mr Clark has promised shareholders the dividend will be maintained at 6.5p net this year, but he has also indicated a cut is likely next year. Analysts are forecasting a payment of about 3.5p and net cash of £30 million for the year to March 1993 with pre-tax profits of £80 million.

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Anglian Water in £38m Swedish buy

ADRIAN BROOKS



New deal: Chris Mellor, left, and Alan Smith, of Anglian

BY CARL MORTISHED

ANGLIAN Water is paying Kr380 million (£38 million) for Nordic Water, a process engineering group based in Sweden and owned by NCC, the construction and property group.

Nordic Water offers design, contracting and equipment supply services to water companies in Scandinavia, the UK, Germany, Poland, Spain and America. In 1992, Nordic Water made a pre-tax profit of £4 million on total income of £83 million, of which £38 million was earned in the UK from Purac, its Kidderminster subsidiary.

About 80 per cent of the company's sales originate from outside of Sweden. The company is being purchased debt-free and has cash balances of about £8 million.

The acquisition provides a third area for Anglian Water, whose other main activities are provision of water and sewerage services in the Anglian region and the management of other water utilities through Anglian Water International. According to Alan Smith, group managing director, process engineering service is a key area of expansion for Anglian. He said: "You cannot expand the core business in the UK. We have got to do it overseas."

Göran Wijkmark, Nordic Water's president, will become managing director of a new process engineering group including Rosewater Engineering, acquired last year, and Anglian's joint venture with Humphrey & Glasgow, process engineers. Nordic brings an order book totalling £67 million. Chris Mellor, Anglian's finance director, said the combined activities of the process engineering division should account for about 14 per cent of Anglian's turnover.

Anglian's directors hope that Nordic's design and product expertise will help in winning contracts to manage water supply systems in other countries. Anglian now has a 5 per cent interest in the $2.5 billion international consortium running the Buenos Aires water system.

☐ North West Water has bought Consolidated Electric Company of Minnesota, which designs and makes automatic control devices and instrumentation for water and sewerage plants in America. It is not disclosing the price paid for the company, which had net assets of $2.5 million in December.

Finding stock answers to hard questions

BY OUR CITY STAFF

IF ONLY to prevent cases of severe shock on becoming a partner, this year's candidates for the Stock Exchange entrance exams might well be asked the following compulsory question.

Can you name a business with the following characteristics? Over the past half a dozen years, it has made quarterly losses roughly once each year. It is highly risky, earning no more than a modest but highly volatile return on capital which last year was no better than a building society would offer.

It is hugely cash-hungry with capital employed rising nearly 60 per cent since 1988. Finally, the bigger you are the worse it gets, with lossmakers outnumbering those in the black by three to one among the very largest firms.

Answers on a postcard please to the careers adviser, The Stock Exchange, Throgmorton Street, London.

These and more nuggets were revealed in the *Stock Exchange Quarterly* winter edition yesterday. Any hopes that the securities industry was heading for the sunlit uplands after the market collapse of 1987 have been dashed again. For Black Monday read White Wednesday.

When Britain quit the ERM with much embarrassment in Whitehall, there was not much joy at the other end of town either. Heavy dealing losses led to an aggregate third-quarter loss by member firms that almost wiped out the accumulated profits of the previous six months. The final three months produced £24 million, making total profits for the year of £29 million, hardly a bountiful return on the £4.5 billion employed.

Last year, then, was a far cry from 1991 when profits of £528 million were earned. But at least they were better than the loss of nearly £250 million in 1990, the loss of £173 million in 1988, and the £24 million earned in 1987. Hey ho!

There must be better things to do with capital than invest in the securities business, you might think. But not so, according to the quarterly. Despite the low returns and the difficult strategic environment, firms are showing little tendency to withdraw from unprofitable sectors.

Members still feel the need to offer a full range of services, profitable or not, and are driven by a feeling that they have to incur prestige costs of maintaining the correct image, the quarterly says.

Worse still, the business is so volatile that some parts subsidise the rest. Managers are unwilling to cut current lossmakers in case they prove to be next year's winners.

The obvious but unworthy question is: should we take advice about industries in which to invest from those who can't seem to get their own to fire on all cylinders?

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LEGAL NOTICES

ADVERTISEMENT OF CREDITORS' MEETING UNDER SECTION 48(2) OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Registered No: 1327728
Registered in England
RYDALE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at The New Norfolk Hotel, 267 Hagley Road, Birmingham, B16 9NA at 2.30 pm on 26 February 1993 for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the administrative receiver under Section 48 of the said Act.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Other creditors are only entitled to vote if:
a) they have delivered to me at the address shown below, no later than 12.00 hours on 25 February 1993, written details of the debts they claim to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986; and
b) they have lodged with me any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Date: 12 February 1993.
D B Goulder,
Administrative Receiver
NOTE: A copy of the report to be presented at the meeting is being sent to all known creditors.
Leach Bright and Partners
Langton Priory Portsmouth Road
Guildford Surrey GU2 5EH

ARTHUR & CO (LONDON) LTD
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, the undersigned Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morrion Thornton & Co., Tortington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed to act as Liquidator of Arthur & Co (London) Limited by a resolution of a meeting of the company's shareholders held on 15th January 1993.
Notice is also given that creditors of the company must send details in writing of any claim against the company to the Liquidator at the above address by Monday, 1st March 1993 which is the last day for proving claims. The Liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and any creditor who has not made a claim by the date mentioned, will be excluded from the benefit of such a distribution.
The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
DATED this 1st day of February 1993
NJ Hamilton-Smith, Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Zoo Clothing Ltd
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Hendon Hall Hotel, Ashley Lane, London NW4 on Wednesday the 24th day of February 1993, at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986 the Licensed Insolvency Practitioner dealing with the Company's affairs is Melvyn L. Rose FCA of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Lidgro House, 360 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS
Dated this 8 day of February 1993
By Order of the Board
D J Pirie, Director

DANIEL MARTIN PLANT LIMITED
Registered No. 1254273
A Meeting of Unsecured Creditors has been convened by the Joint Administrative Receivers of the above-mentioned Company pursuant to Section 48(2)a of the Insolvency Act 1986 for the purpose of presenting to that Meeting a copy of the Report prepared by the Joint Administrative Receivers under Section 48(1) of the said Act and for the purpose, should the Creditors think fit, to establish a Committee of Creditors under the provisions of Section 49 of the said Act
The Meeting will be held as follows:-
Date: 24th February 1993. Time: 3.30 p.m. Place: London Chamber of Commerce 69 Cannon Street, London EC4N 5AB.
Creditors whose claims are wholly Secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the Meeting.
A Creditor will only be entitled to vote at the Creditors Meeting if:-
(a) he has given to the Receivers, not later than 12 o'clock noon on the business day before the day fixed for the Meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the Company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules, and
(b) there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers a Proxy which the Creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Dated 8 February 1993
Brian Mills &
Colin George Wiseman
Joint Administrative Receivers
6 Raleigh House, Admirals Way, Waterside, London, E14 9SN.

DANIEL MARTIN LIMITED
Registered No: 715798
A Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors has been convened by the Joint Administrative Receivers of the above-mentioned Company pursuant to Section 48(2)a of the Insolvency Act 1986 for the purpose of presenting to that Meeting a copy of the Report prepared by the Joint Administrative Receivers under Section 48(1) of the said Act and for the purpose, should the Creditors think fit, to establish a Committee of Creditors under the provisions of Section 49 of the said Act
The Meeting will be held as follows:-
Date: 24th February 1993. Time: 2.30 p.m. Place: London Chamber of Commerce 69 Cannon Street, London EC4N 5AB.
Creditors whose claims are wholly Secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the Meeting.
A Creditor will only be entitled to vote at the Creditors Meeting if:-
(a) he has given to the Receivers, not later than 12 o'clock noon on the business day before the day fixed for the Meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the Company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules, and
(b) there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers a Proxy which the Creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Dated 8 February 1993
Brian Mills &
Colin George Wiseman
Joint Administrative Receivers
6 Raleigh House, Admirals Way, Waterside, London, E14 9SN.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
WHIZZKIDS (RETAIL) LIMITED
Company Number 02040948
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 46(1) of the said Act that, on 3rd February 1993, David M. Gilbert FCA and Maurice Moses FCA of Levy Gee and Partners, 100A Chalk Farm Road, London NW1 8EJ, were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the above mentioned Company by Barclays Bank PLC pursuant to the powers contained in a Deed of Guarantee and Debenture dated 7th May 1991.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS
MLE LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
Registered Number 1094391
Registered in England
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Booth White, 58 New Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QR on Monday 22nd February 1993 at 3.00pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 48 of the said Act, viz:-
a) To have laid before it the Joint Administrative Receivers' Report of the Administration of the Receivership.
b) If thought fit, to establish a Creditors' Committee.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their Proof of Debt and (unless they are attending in person) proxies, at the Offices of Messrs. Booth White, 58 New Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QR, no later than 12.00 noon on Friday 19th February 1993. A Form of Proxy is enclosed.
Proof of Debt may be lodged by submitting a written statement of claim, clearly setting out the name and address of the Creditor, and the amount claimed
Unless they surrender their security, Secured Creditors must give particulars of their security and its value, if they wish to vote at the Meeting.
Creditors may obtain a copy of the Report, free of charge, on application to the Administrative Receivers, at the address shown above.
Dated this 5th day of February 1993
Colin G Wiseman
Joint Administrative Receiver

P & P Heating and Plumbing Ltd
The Insolvency Act and Rules 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106, we, Vernon Charles Wright and Brian Reginald Anthony Callaghan of Chantrey Vellacott, Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5LF, give notice that on 9 February 1993 we were appointed Joint Liquidators of P & P Heating and Plumbing Limited by resolutions of members and creditors.
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 9th March 1993 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Vernon Charles Wright and Brian Reginald Anthony Callaghan of Chantrey Vellacott, Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5LF, the Joint Liquidators of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Joint Liquidators, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution
Dated: 9th February 1993
V C Wright and B R A Callaghan,
Joint Liquidators

IN THE MATTER OF ARTWORK STUDIO AND PHOTOGRAPHIC LIMITED
T/as A.S.A.P.
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of creditors of the above-named Company convened under the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 and held on 5th February 1993, I, Joan Yvonne Venvill, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU, was duly appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company
Dated this 5th day of February 1993.
J Y Venvill

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
INSTALL-A-FLOOR LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 23rd February 1993 at The Old Bakery, 1 Lower Clower Road, Royston, Herts, at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Christchurch Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 5th day of February 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
S Bullard, Director.

DOCKPLAN LIMITED (In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)
and in the matter of
The Insolvency Act 1986
Notice is hereby given that David Croxford of First Island House, Peter Street, St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 12th February, 1993.
Creditors are required on or before 15th day of March, 1993 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the Liquidator and, if so required, by notice in writing from the Liquidator, are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 12th day of February, 1993.
David Croxford, Liquidator
N.B This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full, but if any person considers he has a claim against the Company he should send in his claim forthwith

UNIVERSAL MACHINE INTELLIGENCE GROUP LIMITED
JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER APPOINTED
2 DECEMBER 1992
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at 11.00am on Monday 1 March 1993 at Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AD for the purpose of receiving a report prepared by the Joint Administrative Receivers and if thought fit to establish a committee ("the creditors' committee") to exercise the functions conferred on it by or under the Insolvency Act 1986. Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged, together with any claim to be made by the creditor at the offices of the Joint Administrative Receiver, Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AD (Ref SA2.12) no later than 12 noon on Friday 26 February 1993.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the meeting.
Dated this 10th day of February 1993
T R Harris
Joint Administrative Receiver

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - Annuity Funds
In connection with Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Association
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for these charities. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference number DGY-210729 A/2-CDsLon34.

BAKER WILLIAM HENRY BAKER otherwise WILLIAM BAKER late of 40 Napier Road, Leytonstone, London E11 died at Leytonstone on 17 December 1990
(Estate about £5,300)
BEDDOES nee BULLOCK, CLARA ROSE BEDDOES nee BULLOCK SINGLE WOMAN late of Flat 2, Louse Court, Victoria Road, Alcocks Green, Birmingham, West Midlands died at Solihull, West Midlands on 30 November 1992
(Estate about £75,000)
BROWN, KATHERINE MARY BROWN SPINSTER late of Yanwath Care Home, Yanwath, Penrith, Cumbria died there on 1 February 1992
(Estate about £60,000)
BUTLER, FREDERICK CHARLES BUTLER late of Abbeyfield Home, 4 Ennerdale Road, Kew, Surrey died at Epsom, Surrey on 24 July 1990
(Estate about £6,600)
CASTLE nee CROSS, SHEILA CASTLE nee CROSS SINGLE WOMAN late of 64 Bennet Close, Basingstoke, Hampshire died there on 8 September 1991
(Estate about £50,000)
COOK, DOROTHY EMMA COOK SPINSTER late of 35 College Road, Hextable, Kent died at Dartford, Kent on 5 March 1991
(Estate about £5,500)
DALBY nee BALL, DORIS MARY DALBY nee BALL WIDOW late of 5 Dickens Court, Leicester, died at Leicester on 24 December 1991
(Estate about £8,600)
ELLESLEY late of SMITH, ZENA ETHEL ELLESLEY nee SMITH SPINSTER late of 67 Rickwood Park, Horsham Road, Beare Green, Dorking, Surrey died at Redhill, Surrey on 1 December 1991
(Estate about £10,000)
GRIFFITHS formerly POWELL nee RAYNOR, GLADYS MAY GRIFFITHS formerly POWELL nee RAYNOR WIDOW late of Draycott Nursing Home Draycott, Derby died there on 8 November 1991
(Estate about £11,000)
HEY nee SCHOFIELD, NELLIE HEY nee SCHOFIELD WIDOW late of St. Catherine's Home, St. Mary's Road, Manningham, Bradford, West Yorkshire died there on 7 May 1991
(Estate about £48,000)
HOWELL otherwise HOWELLS nee BEVAN, GERTRUDE MAY HOWELL otherwise GERTRUDE MARY HOWELLS nee BEVAN WIDOW late of 90 Dyfed Avenue, Townhill, Swansea, West Glamorgan died at Swansea on 8 March 1992
(Estate about £8,000)
LOCKE, ALBERT LIONEL LOCKE late of 15a Frederick Street, Holborn, London WC1 died at Smithfield, London EC1 on 2 April 1992
(Estate about £173,000)
TAYLOR, ESME TAYLOR SPINSTER late of 9 Hasswell Cottages, Corsham, Wiltshire died at Chippenham, Wiltshire on 15 May 1992
(Estate about £7,500)
The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

LEGAL, PUBLIC, COMPANY & PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES
TO PLACE ALL YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS PLEASE CALL DEBRA GYNN
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Unigate considers restaurant offering to cover purchases

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

UNIGATE, the food group, is considering a public offering of stock in its American restaurants business, to pay for Glass Glover, the contract warehousing and distribution group bought for £54 million over the weekend, and Clifford Foods, the dairy group that agreed to a £50 million takeover bid last week.

The restaurants business made operating profits of £13.3 million in the last full year, and enjoyed a rise from £7.4 million to £8.4 million in the latest half year of trading. Unigate said it had no intention of seeking money from shareholders. No decision has been taken on the percentage of the restaurants to be offered. Unigate could receive upwards of £140 million depending on the percentage offered.

Glass Glover provides contract warehousing and distribution services, a business that is parallel to Unigate's business among the household name retailers. Glass Glover had debts of £40 million after a management buyout in the late 1980s, and was planning to return to the market.

But it is understood that Unigate's £54 million offer exceeded the expected flotation value of between £45 million and £48 million, a discount to previous market expectations. Unigate is paying £43.8 million in cash and £10.2 million in loan notes, redeemable in February 1995. Glass Glover made £5.5 million in the year ended October 3, 1992, on sales of £84.8 million. Pro forma after-tax profits were £3.4 million, putting an exit price-earnings multiple on the deal of 15.8. Net assets are £5.7 million.

Ross Buckland, the chief executive of Unigate, said: "We have taken two significant steps in expanding and strengthening our existing operations, offering benefits of integration, and the prospect of further expansion."

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Buckland: expanding

Fokker takeover by Dasa agreed

FROM REUTER IN MUNICH

DEUTSCHE Aerospace (Dasa) said the Dutch government had approved its terms for a takeover of Fokker, the aircraft maker. Agreement had been reached on support by the Dutch government for adjusting Fokker's capacity.

"The Dutch government has given its agreement to the conditions set by Dasa for a majority takeover of Fokker," said Dasa, the aerospace division of Daimler-Benz, in a statement. The agreement must now be approved by the supervisory boards of Dasa and its parent, by a Fokker shareholders' meeting and by the European Commission.

Dasa views the acquisition of 51 per cent of a new Fokker holding company as a step on the way to building a competitive European regional aircraft industry.

More than 900 million guilders (£336 million) of new capital will be available to Fokker, and the company's future should be secure, the statement said.

"With this agreement, almost 80 per cent of the means immediately made available by Dasa will go directly to Fokker," the statement quoted Manfred Bischoff, Dasa's chief financial officer, as saying. Having secured Fokker's future, Dasa could "begin on the large task that awaits us", Herr Bischoff added.

The plan is that Dasa will buy 13.4 million new Fokker shares at 30 guilders each, producing 397 million guilders of fresh capital. The Dutch state's 31.8 per cent stake will be acquired in two tranches, the first immediately and the second in three years.

Dasa will also buy its shares in two tranches, paying 156 million guilders for the first one. It will pay 30 guilders per share for the second one only if Fokker achieves a certain level of profitability.

Fokker will also issue convertible bonds worth 334 million guilders. The new holding company will take up 51 per cent of this issue; the remaining 49 per cent will be guaranteed by the Dutch government. The government will also grant Fokker a guaranteed loan of 180 million guilders.

STOCK MARKET

Talk of rights issue hits BA

A QUIET start to the new account was interrupted by persistent talk of another major cash call or big acquisition in the City pipeline.

This time, the speculators focused attention on **British Airways**, 4p lower at 279p, with some in the market claiming BA would accompany third-quarter figures, due out today, with a sizable rights issue. Dan White, transport analysts at NatWest Securities, felt that a BA rights issue was "possible but unlikely".

After BA's recent expansion moves, including investments in Quantas and USAir, Sir Colin Marshall has indicated that BA would need to resort to the capital markets in order to help fund further investment in USAir.

NatWest expects BA's third-quarter pre-tax profits to dive to £4 million, compared with underlying profit of £93 million last time. Forecasts range from a £20 million loss to a £50 million profit.

There were also renewed late rumours that **Lloyds Bank**, down 21p to 513p, would launch a bid for **TSB** at about the 225p level after considerable options activity continued. There was also speculation that the clearer might acquire a building society to sustain the momentum of pre-provision profit growth, rather than go for TSB, up 1½p to 171½p despite going ex-dividend, or **Standard Chartered**, unchanged at 653p.

Equities had a firm start to the new account, although the market lacked direction. Stronger futures supported the cash market, while reports of a buy programme buoyed shares. Second liners fared better.

But prices fell back as a number of heavyweight stocks went ex-dividend. Shares were uninspired by sterling's continued weakness and the Presidents' Day holiday in America, which kept Wall Street closed. The FT-SE 100 index, which was up 11.7 at one time, fell back to close up 2.9 at 2,845.9. The FT-SE Mid fared better, gaining 16.2 to 3,022.5. Volume reached only 516.2 million shares. Some still see the market on an upward trend and expect the FT-SE 100 to hit targets of 3,000 and 3,200 before another major consolidation phase in May.

Hong Kong related stocks got a boost from hopes of an easing of tensions between Chris Patten, the Hong Kong governor, and the Chinese. This helped to lift the likes of **Cable and Wireless**, up 14p to 733p, and **HSBC**, 8p firmer at 598p.

Other banks also enjoyed a fresh run in the wake of the **Lloyds** results last week, with **Barclays** 12p stronger to 447p and **National Westminster** 6p higher at 458p. **Union Discount** rose 6p to 105p, as rumours continued of a bid anywhere between 120p and 140p sometime this week.

Composite insurances were in demand early on, boosted by positive noises from Smith New Court. Steven Bird, of Smith New Court, said: "We expect to see earnings improve up to 1994. We are sticking to our 'overweight' stance on the sector."

Gains were trimmed towards the close, but SNC recommends buying **Commercial Union**, off 1p to 605p, **General Accident**, up 9p at 575p, and **Sun Alliance Group**, 1p higher at 339p. **Royal Insurance**, which is seen as a "trading buy" by Smith, was unchanged at 289p.

Inchcape jumped 14p to 578p after Stephen Kirk of Nikko, the Japanese securities house, increased his profit forecast after a recent meeting with managers of the motor and consumer goods distributor in Hong Kong. Nikko has raised its 1993 pre-tax profits forecast from £270 million to £300 million.

Mr Kirk expects Hong Kong's demand for consumer products and durable goods, such as cars, to remain strong. "The outlook for Hong Kong is still very buoyant," he said.

Inchcape has about 40 per cent of the motor vehicle distribution market in Hong Kong. Profits from Inchcape Pacific, which accounts for about half of group earnings, were up by more than 60 per cent at the interim stage, with a similar growth rate expected for the full year. Inchcape has also benefited from weaker sterling.

Water stocks were firmer as investors moved into the high-yielding sector as a hedge against possible bad news ahead of a variety of economic statistics due this week. Among the water winners, **Anglian**, which is expanding overseas with a Swedish acquisition, added 5p to 504p, while **North West** rose 8p to 496p and **Southern** 8p to 498p. Electricity shares also brightened.

MB-Caradon remained firm after applying to shareholders for approval to sell its 25.3 per cent stake in CarnaudMetal-Box, the pan-European packaging manufacturer formed from the merger of Metalbox Packaging with Carnaud of France in 1989.

Analysts think the sale could fetch between £550 million and £600 million, with **BTR**, down 4p to 545p, mentioned as a possible buyer. After an initial 11p rise, MB-Caradon shares ended unchanged at 310p.

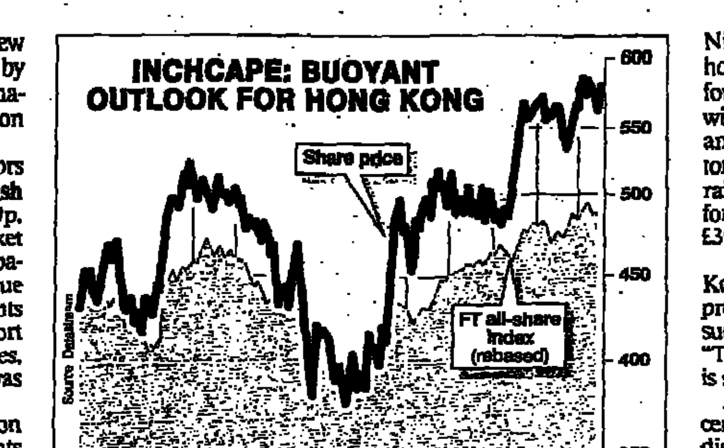
Analysts think MB-Caradon is likely to reinvest any proceeds in lighter-end building materials, with bid favourites including **Marley**, up 4p at 113p, and **Hepworth**, 11p stronger at 347p. Elsewhere, **Tarmac** eased 4p to 109p as speculation continued about a possible rights issue.

Geest, bolstered by reports of positive noises from Cazenove, rose 26p to 419p.

TI Group lost 11p to 294p on worries about weakness in the aerospace industry. Analysts said that reports that AMR Corp's American Airlines would announce plans this week to cancel leases on 25 of its 34 A300 jets from Airbus Industrie could have an impact on TI's aerospace business through its Dowty subsidary. **British Aerospace** lost 8p to 250p.

Eurotunnel rose 9p to 480p, although the operator of the cross-Channel train tunnel, which is due to open in December, was not willing to comment on reports of an imminent cost overrun settlement with TransManche Link, the Anglo-French consortium of construction companies.

PHILIP PANGALOS



Learmonth & Burchett Management Systems (LBMS), the USM-quoted software house, surged 55p to 249p, after a review from the electronics team at NatWest Securities recommending a "strong buy" for the stock. Bobby Philips, at NatWest, thinks that LBMS has "huge growth potential".

GWR Group, the radio group, advanced 23p to 458p ex dividend. The relatively illiquid shares, which started the year at 298p and stood at 345p at the start of the month, continue to enjoy strong demand, boosted by the better than expected success of Classic FM, in which GWR has a 17 per cent stake.

TOKYO

Nikkei goes above 17,000

Tokyo — Shares ended firmer in thin trading on short-covering in the late session with the Nikkei average finishing comfortably above 17,000. Uncertainties in currency rates kept most investors on the sidelines, but public pension fund buying supported the market, brokers said.

The Nikkei average ended at the day's high, up 266.48 points, or 1.58 per cent, to 17,117.99, with an estimated 190 million shares traded.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index soared 191.29 points to close at 6,049.44 — the first time it has risen above the barrier of 6,000 since last November — on a wave of optimism about Hong Kong's political future. Local newspaper reports said China would not insist on Chris Patten, the Governor, dropping his reform package before Sino-British talks on the stalemate were held.

☐ **Singapore** — The tone of the market was mixed, with selected blue chips shedding weight on continued consolidation, brokers said. The Straits Times industrial index closed 5.05 points higher at 1,618.57.

☐ **Sydney** — A late rally lifted the Australian share market off sharp lows to a slightly weaker close after a spate of company results reporting rises in half-year profits. The All-Ordinaries index closed 7.0 points lower at 1,596.5.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index closed 3.28 points higher at 1,664.71, marginally below its intraday high of 1,664.93.

☐ **New York** — Wall Street was closed for a national holiday. *(Reuter)*

BRITISH FUNDS

With the American markets closed for Presidents' Day, government securities had a quiet day. However, gilts, which are still basking in the glow of last month's unexpected big fall in inflation, improved by nearly half a point at the longer end of the market, encouraged by further tap sales.

Friday's £800 million issue from the Bank of England started dealing.

Support at the "ultra-long" end of the market saw gains extend to nearly £½, while index-linked issues also advanced. The gilt future finished three ticks higher at £102 24/32, on a subdued volume of 20,400 contracts for the March series.

Among shorter dated securities, Treasury 7¾ per cent 1998 fell one tick to £102 10/32, while Treasury 9 per cent 2012 added ten ticks to £104 6/32 at the longer end.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
104	100	Treas 12½% 1993	102	-	12.15	5.55
100	95	Fund 6% 1993	100 †	...	5.99	5.54
107	103	Treas 13¼% 1993	106	...	12.95	5.46
102	96	Treas 8¼% 1994	102	...	8.26	5.43
110	104	Treas 14½% 1994	109 †	-	15.30	5.48
110	103	Exch 13½% 1994	109	-	12.38	5.59
105	98	Treas 10% 1994	105	...	9.48	5.58
110	103	Exch 12¼% 1994	109 xd	...	11.38	5.69
105	96	Treas 9% 1994	105	-	8.53	5.69
111	102	Treas 12% 1995	111	-	10.80	5.86
96	88	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	...	3.10	4.57
109	99	Exch 10¼% 1995	109	-	9.35	5.98
116	106	Treas 12¾% 1995	116	-	10.93	6.08
120	109	Treas 14% 1996	120	-	11.64	6.32
125	113	Treas 15¼% 1996	125	-	12.18	6.45
120	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	119	-	11.08	6.46
111	98	Conv 10% 1996	111	...	8.99	6.57
122	109	Treas 13¼% 1997	122	...	10.84	6.73
113	100	Exch 10½% 1997	113 †	-	9.28	6.70
108	94	Treas 8¾% 1997	107 xd	...	8.12	6.72
132	117	Exch 15% 1997	131	-	11.41	6.99
112	97	Exch 9¾% 1998	111	-	8.73	6.90
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
102	98	Treas 7¼% 1998	102	-	7.14	6.71
100	86	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100	+	6.73	6.56
137	123	Treas 15½% 1998	137	-	11.30	7.29
122	107	Exch 12% 1998	121	-1	9.89	7.35
112	97	Treas 9½% 1999	111	-	8.56	7.17
123	109	Exch 12¼% 1999	122	...	9.96	7.48
116	101	Treas 10½% 1999	115	...	9.07	7.29
116	100	Conv 10¼% 1999	115	...	8.91	7.36
110	94	Conv 9% 2000	109 †	+	8.25	7.31
129	114	Treas 13% 2000	128	+	10.09	7.79
113	99	Treas 10% 2001	113 †	+	8.83	7.72
128	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	128	-	10.91	7.38
111	98	Treas 9¾% 2002	111 xd	+	8.71	7.92
50	46	Treas 8% 2003	50	+	8.08	7.86
113	100	Treas 10% 2003	113 †	+	8.83	8.07

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
120	107	Treas 11½% 2001-04	120 †	+	9.57	8.03
72	59	Fund 3½% 1999-04	71	-	4.88	7.08
109	96	Conv 9½% 2004	109	+	8.68	8.20
109	96	Conv 9½% 2005	109	+	8.69	8.24
128	116	Treas 12½% 2003-05	128	-	9.74	8.41
98	85	Treas 8% 2002-06	98	-	8.11	8.22
122	110	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	122	-	9.59	8.34
101	89	Treas 8½% 2007	101	+	8.41	8.34
135	123	Treas 13½% 2004-08	135	+	9.98	8.50
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
105	93	Treas 9% 2008	105	-	8.57	8.39
96	85	Treas 8% 2009	95	-	8.34	8.44
104	93	Conv 9% 2011	104	+	8.64	8.53
104	93	Treas 9% 2012	104	+	8.65	8.55
73	62	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73 †	+	7.53	8.29
93	81	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	93	+	8.32	8.43
130	118	Exch 12% 2013-17	130	+	9.18	8.74
101	91	Treas 8¾% 2017	100 xd	+	8.94	8.64
		UNDATED				
45	39	Consols 4%	45	+	8.78	...
40	35	War Ln 3½%	40	+	8.69	...
63	59	Conv 3½%	62	+	5.59	...
29	24	Consols 2½%	29	+	8.32	...
29	24	Treas 2½%	28	+	8.75	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133	122	Treas IL 2% 1994	132	-	...	0.37
197	176	Treas IL 2% 1996	196 xd	-	1.27	2.06
108	100	Treas IL 4½% 1998	108	...	2.05	2.66
164	139	Treas IL 2½% 2001	164 †	+	2.65	3.02
161	135	Treas IL 2½% 2003	160	+	2.83	3.14
109	101	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	109	+	2.93	3.23
165	137	Treas IL 2% 2006	165	+	3.08	3.32
149	124	Treas IL 2½% 2009	149	+	3.27	3.48
154	129	Treas IL 2½% 2011	154 †	+	3.33	3.53
127	106	Treas IL 2½% 2013	127	+	3.39	3.57
135	112	Treas IL 2½% 2016	135	+	3.46	3.62
129	107	Treas IL 2½% 2020	129	+	3.52	3.67
107	88	Treas IL 2½% 2024	107	+	3.55	3.69
107	91	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	107	+	3.56	3.70

RECENT ISSUES

Intl Food Machinery (51)	62 ...		Burton n/p (60)	9½	...
Mauritius Fund ($10½)	725 ...		Comm Union n/p (490)	95	-1
Motor World (210)	278	+2	ML Holdings n/p (15)	3½	...
New City & Comm Inv Tst 86	...		Property Tst 10p (25)	21	-1
New City & Comm Wrrnts 20	-1		SelecTV n/p (17)	¼	...
			Stakis n/p (32)	13	+½
RIGHTS ISSUES			Volex n/p (345)	68	...
			Wessex Water N/P (480)	131	+5
ASDA n/p (53)	7¾	+¼	Whessoe n/p (260)	62	+3

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
Barclays	447p (+12p)	Inchcape	578p (+14p)
Cable Wireless	733p (+14p)	Oriflame Intl	237p (+10p)
Macdon Martin 'A'	435p (+17p)	Admiral	470p (+30p)
N Hay	36p (+10p)	FALLS:	
Hepworth	347p (+11p)	Blick	530p (-15p)
Jardine Math	423p (+27p)	Hartstone	226p (-14p)
Elec Data Prc	500p (+15p)	Sappi	462p (-10p)
Swire Pacfc 'A'	292p (+10p)	Whitbread 'A'	474p (-8p)
Bilton	463p (+19p)	Diploma	429p (-9p)
BAT	971p (+14p)	Euro Disney	943p (-15p)
Rothmans 'B'	622p (+13p)	Br Aerospace	250p (-8p)
Legal & General	452p (+13p)	ERF	215p (-8p)
Tiphook	344p (+15p)	Haynes Pub	343p (-15p)
Chubb Sec	263p (+12p)		

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FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	511	Coats Vyla	148	Legal & Gn	1,700	Scot & New	1,000
Alld-Lyons	1,100	Cm Union	669	Lloyds Bk	3,200	Scot Power	3,700
Anglian W	550	Courtaulds	332	MB Cardn	1,400	Sears	295
Argyll Gp	2,100	De La Rue	145	Marks Spr	1,100	Svrn Trent	968
Arjo Wig	1,000	Eng China	381	NFC	754	Shell Trans	2,300
AB Foods	214	Enterpr Oil	169	NatWst Bk	3,600	Siebe	1,700
BAA	728	Fisons	1,300	Nat Power	3,400	SmKl Bch	2,800
BAT Inds	3,300	Forte	2,600	Nth Wst W	279	Smith Nph	1,600
BOC	297	GRE	1,600	Nthrn Fds	2,100	Smith (WH)	117
BP	4,400	GUS A	218	P & O	677	Sthern Elec	706
BT	2,000	Gen Acc	1,300	Pearson	990	Std Chartd	201
BTR	1,500	Gen Elec	2,300	PowerGen	2,400	Sun Allnce	1,600
Bk of Scot	465	Glaxo	3,600	Prudential	3,100	TI Gp	998
Barclays	2,800	Granada	1,000	RTZ	517	TSB	2,500
Bass	959	Grand Met	4,100	Rank Org	1,400	Tate & Lyle	305
Blue Circle	1,300	Guinness	925	Reckitt Col	406	Tesco	2,300
Boots	991	HSBC	3,400	Redland	915	Thames W	1,200
Bowater	523	Hanson	4,600	Reed Intl	321	Thrn EMI	575
Brit Airwys	3,300	ICI	616	Rentokil	295	Tomkins	1,300
Brit Gas	2,900	Inchcape	1,400	Reuters	157	Unilever	749
Brit Steel	821	Kingfisher	1,100	Rothmans	478	Utd Bisc	1,200
Burmah C	186	Kwik Save	53	Ryl Ins	2,600	Vodafone	829
Cable Wire	1,100	LASMO	1,000	Ryl Bk Scot	1,401	Wellcome	559
Cadbury	957	Ladbroke	1,500	Sainsbury	1,800	Whitbd 'A'	2,100
Carlton C	283	Land Secs	2,800	Scot Hydro	1,300	Wlms Hld	1,400

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... Closed
S&P Composite .... Closed

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 17117.99 (+266.48)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 6049.44 (+191.29)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 99.1 (+0.2)

Sydney: AO .... 1596.5 (-7.0)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1664.71 (+3.28)

FT 30 share: .... 2187.8 (+0.2)

Brussels:
General .... 5976.72 (+3.71)

Paris: CAC .... 503.01 (+2.75)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 478.5 (+2.0)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1386.96 (+2.77)
FT 500 .... 1523.68 (+1.85)
FT Gold Mines .... 91.2 (-3.1)
FT Fixed Interest .... 111.62 (+0.44)
FT Govt Secs .... 95.85 (+0.13)
Bargains 31096
SEAQ Volume 515.8m
USM (Datastrm) .... 130.39 (+1.45)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
February 8	February 19	May 20	June 1

Call options were taken out on 15/2/93: Aegis, ASDA, Avesco, Brown & Jackson, Costain, Enterprise Computers, Ferranti, Kunich, Lonrho, McCarthy & Stone, ML Labs, Premier, Queens Moat, Ransomes, Tesco.
Put: Tay Homes.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 93	2842.0	2860.0	2832.0	2846.0	4843
Previous open interest: 54436	Jun 93	2865.0	2867.0	2858.0	2859.5	306
Three Month Sterling	Mar 93	94.19	94.19	94.05	94.07	15440
Previous open interest: 299342	Jun 93	94.67	94.67	94.59	94.61	7717
	Sep 93	94.77	94.77	94.71	94.71	2779
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 93	96.68	96.70	96.67	96.68	1057
Previous open interest: 21923	Jun 93	96.49	96.50	96.46	96.48	815
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 93	91.95	91.96	91.90	91.92	15764
Previous open interest: 470124	Jun 93	92.88	92.88	92.79	92.79	23011
US Treasury Bond	Mar 93	108-02	108-06	108-00	108-04	107
Previous open interest: 667	Jun 93				106-29	0
Long Gilt	Mar 93	102-23	102-28	102-14	102-24	21482
Previous open interest: 70708	Jun 93	104-00	104-10	103-24	104-00	518
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 93	110.17	110.17	110.16	110.13	64
	Jun 93	109.50	109.54	109.47	109.49	304
German Govmt Bond	Mar 93	93.40	93.45	93.36	93.42	14889
Previous open interest: 149172	Jun 93	93.58	93.66	93.58	93.63	692
Three month ECU	Mar 93	90.59	90.59	90.54	90.56	358
Previous open interest: 16523	Jun 93	91.54	91.54	91.50	91.51	82
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 93	94.54	94.57	94.40	94.41	7536
Previous open interest: 48514	Jun 93	95.05	95.05	94.94	94.95	2651
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 93	96.40	96.96	96.40	96.64	15553
Previous open interest: 40876	Jun 93	96.43	96.76	96.40	96.44	64

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 76.1 (day's range 75.9-76.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 15	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6369-2.6515	2.6481-2.6515	¼-⅛ds	1⅛-1⅜ds
Brussels	48.35-48.53	48.43-48.53	11-16ds	32-39ds
Copenhagen	8.9800-9.0250	9.0040-9.0250	11½-15½ds	26¾-32ds
Dublin	0.9650-0.9680	0.9656-0.9677	73-90ds	197-235ds
Frankfurt	2.3432-2.3528	2.3496-2.3528	⅜-½ds	1⅛-1⅜ds
Lisbon	213.49-214.84	214.40-214.84	87-133ds	321-397ds
Madrid	166.96-168.51	167.67-168.51	87-99ds	278-304ds
Milan	2187.10-2205.20	2200.70-2205.20	7-10ds	25-28ds
Montreal	1.7712-1.7789	1.7768-1.7789	0.17-0.08pr	0.16-0.03pr
New York	1.4120-1.4190	1.4180-1.4190	0.36-0.33pr	1.03-0.99pr
Oslo	9.9650-10.0140	9.9920-10.0140	1⅝-2⅞ds	6⅝-7⅞ds
Paris	7.9190-7.9500	7.9190-7.9333	3¼-3⅞ds	11-12¼ds
Stockholm	10.6010-10.6620	10.6390-10.6620	2⅝-3⅞ds	7⅝-9ds
Tokyo	170.92-171.82	171.62-171.82	½-⅜pr	1⅜-1¼pr
Vienna	16.49-16.61	16.56-16.61	1½-2⅞ds	5⅞-7⅞ds
Zurich	2.1794-2.1889	2.1858-2.1889	⅛pr-par	⅜-⅛pr

Source: Extel — Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4135-1.4160
Australia dollar	2.0883-2.0914
Bahrain dinar	0.528-0.540
Brazil cruzeiro*	25692.5-25693.9
Cyprus pound	0.694-0.704
Finland marka	8.332-8.448
Greece drachma	311.5-318.5
Hong Kong dollar	10.945-10.956
India rupee	42.28-43.24
Kuwait dinar KD	0.433-0.443
Malaysia ringgit	3.7255-3.7311
Mexico peso	4.33-4.43
New Zealand dollar	2.7592-2.7667
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.247-5.373
Singapore dollar	2.3334-2.3373
S Africa rand (fin)	6.40-6.48
S Africa rand (com)	4.4485-4.4545
U A E dirham	5.138-5.262

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4753-1.4764
Austria	11.68-11.70
Belgium (Com)	34.19-34.23
Canada	1.2531-1.2536
Denmark	6.355-6.365
France	5.6025-5.6075
Germany	1.6585-1.6595
Hong Kong	7.7325-7.7340
Ireland	1.4665-1.4685
Italy	1549.0-1551.0
Japan	121.03-121.08
Malaysia	2.632-2.634
Netherlands	1.8675-1.8685
Norway	7.05-7.06
Portugal	151.20-151.40
Singapore	1.6485-1.6500
Spain	118.25-118.75
Sweden	7.495-7.505
Switzerland	1.5400-1.5410

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 7½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 6 Week fixed: 6½
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5⅝. Sell: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth: 5½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5½	...
Sterling Money Rates:					
Interbank:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞
	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞

Overnight: open 6⅛, close 6.

Local Authority Deps:	6⅛	n/a	6⅛	5⅞	5⅞
Sterling CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞
Dollar CDs:	3.07-3.04	n/a	3.12-3.09	3.25-3.22	3.55-3.52
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 29, 1993 Agreed rates Feb 24, 1993 to Mar 23, 1993 Scheme I: 8.32%. Schemes II & III: 8.20%. Reference rate Jan 1, 1993 to Jan 29, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 7.00%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅜-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	8⅞-8⅝	8⅞-8⅝	8⅞-8⅝	7⅞-7⅝	8⅞-7⅞
French Franc:	12-11	12⅛-12	12⅛-11⅞	11⅞-10⅞	12⅞-10⅞
Swiss Franc:	6-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-4⅞
Yen:	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $328.30-328.80 Close: $328.45-328.95 High: $328.45-328.95 Low: $327.90-328.40 Krugerrand: $327.50-329.50 (£230.50-232.50)
Sovereigns: Old $78.00-80.00 (£53.50-55.00) New $78.00-80.00 (£53.50-55.00)
Platinum: $365.75 (£258.40) Silver: $3.69 (£2.595) Palladium: $114.25 (£80.70)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Lyon	550	48	60	68	9	22	30
(*579)	600	20	33	44	32	52	55
ASDA	57	8	12½	13	4	5	8
(*62)	67	5	8	9	9½	13	14
Bass	550	43	57	72	11	23	29
(*575)	600	16	32	45	35	50	57
Boots	460	42	50	60	7	19	24
(*458½)	500	17	28	38	22	40	44
Br Airways	280	17	24½	29	15	27	30
(*280)	300	9	16	22	26	39	42
BP	240	30	36	40	3½	9	13
(*266½)	260	16	24	29	9	17	21
	280	7	15	20	21	28	31
Br Steel	70	10½	14½	16	4½	7	8½
(*78)	80	5	9	12	9	11	15
C & W	700	51	70	91	14	32	40
(*732½)	750	21	43	56	37	57	65
CU	580	33	46	55	16	27	37
(*604½)	629	10	24	32	47	57	67
Courtauld	550	44	57	67	13	28	34
(*575½)	600	17	31	43	40	55	62
GKN	420	42	48	56	8½	17	22
(*457)	460	15	26	34	29	37	40
Grnd Met	420	32	48	55	11	21	26
(*438)	460	12	27	36	32	42	47
ICI	1100	64	94	105	37	58	80
(*1159)	1150	37	69	80	62	84	108
	1200	21	47	61	97	117	135
Kingfshr	500	45	59	66	9	24	31
(*534½)	550	18	32	42	30	49	56
Ladbroke	180	24	30	36	9	17	23
(*197½)	200	12	20	28	20	29	34
Land Sec	460	32	39	44	7	23	25
(*481)	500	10	18	24	27	48	49
M & S	300	37	42	47	3	8	11
(*333½)	330	16	23	31	10	20	24
Sainsbury	500	43	53	62	7	18	24
(*532)	550	15	26	36	29	43	47
Shell	550	40	51	56	8½	16	25
(*589)	600	10	24	30	36	42	50
Smkl Bch	460	25	41	51	18	29	33
(*464½)	500	10	24	33	45	52	56
Storehse	180	18	25	29	8	16	19
(*185)	200	9	16	21	21	28	31
Trafalgar	70	9½	13	16	4½	6	9½
(*76½)	80	6	8½	12	8½	14	16
Unilever	1100	80	97	122	14	27	35
(*1162½)	1150	45	69	88	31	47	57
Utd Bisc	330	25	29	35	11	17	21
(*348½)	360	7½	15	22	30	35	42

February 15, 1993 Tot: 31865 Call: 18492 Put: 13373 FT-SE Call: 6483 Put: 2187
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
BAA	750	29	53	64	6	20	34
(*770½)	800	5	27	39	32	46	57
BAT Ind	950	24	42	60	12	45	55
(*972½)	1000	5	23	40	44	79	86
BTR	500	50	53	59	1½	7½	13
(*545½)	550	7	18	29	9½	28	34
Br Aero	260	7	30	40	16	36	46
(*249½)	280	4	22	33	30	50	58
Br Telcm	390	20	31	37	2	9	15½
(*406½)	420	2	13½	20	15	22	32
Cadbury	460	14	24	35	5	22	28
(*468½)	500	1½	10	19	35	49	53
Guinness	420	41	51	58	1½	12	17
(*457)	460	10	26	36	10	30	37
GEC	280	10	19	23	2½	8½	15½
(*286½)	300	2	9	13½	16	21	28
Hanson	240	16	20	23½	2	7	11
(*254)	260	3	9½	13½	10	17	22
LASMO	160	8	18	23	4	19	19
(*165)	180	2½	9	16	15	28	32
Lucas	130	14	21	26	2½	9	13
(*143½)	140	6½	17	21	5½	14	18
P & O	500	54	63	72	2	20	29
(*550)	550	14	34	43	12	46	54
Pilkingtn	100	10½	19	23	2	7½	13
(*111)	110	5	14	18	5	13	18
Prudential	300	12	20	24	3½	15	19
(*307½)	330	2	7	12	23	35	38
RTZ	650	20	40	55	10	37	43
(*662½)	700	4½	18	33	44	65	75
Scot New	420	14	30	38	5	16	27
(*424)	460	3½	13	21	35	41	51
Tesco	240	8	17½	24	5	14	18
(*246)	260	1	9	18	18	27	30
Thames W	500	14	31	36	4	14	27
(*508)	550	1	9½	14	43	46	60
Vodafone	360	30	44	51	2½	11	19
(*387½)	390	7	25	34	11	24	33

FT-SE INDEX (*2848½)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Feb	150	99	54	18	5	1½
Mar	162	125	81	50	28	18
Apr	178	143	106	75	50	34
May	194	155	122	92	72	52
Jun	200	—	140	—	88	—
Puts						
Feb	2	2½	5	24	62	110
Mar	13	22	36	55	82	122
Apr	26	35	56	73	98	134
May	38	51	67	90	118	149
Jun	50	—	83	—	132	—

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	330	33	37	43	6	12	17
(*358½)	360	12	21	29	20	27	32
Amstrad	20	4½	5	6	1	1½	2½
(*23)	25	1½	3	4	4	5	5½
Barclays	390	60	63	68	5½	13	22
(*448)	420	34	42	49	14	24	35
Blue Circ	200	21	26	32	7	18	25
(*213½)	220	10	17	23	17	30	36
Br Gas	260	31	33	35	2	6½	8½
(*287)	280	13½	17½	23	5½	14	17
	300	4½	8½	14	17	27	29
Dixons	200	24	33	38	5	11	17
(*217)	220	12	21	26	13	20	27
Eurotnl	460	37	61	78	20	37	47
(*480)	500	19	41	58	52	58	68
Forte	180	18	23	28	5½	14	20
(*191)	200	7½	13	18	15	27	31
Glaxo	650	62	87	110	13	26	37
(*699½)	700	32	59	80	30	50	60
	750	12	41	58	64	80	90
HSBC	600	31	43	58	26	47	58
(*598)	650	12	24	40	59	79	88
Hillsdwn	140	15	19	23	5	14	17
(*148½)	160	5	10	13	16	26	30
Lonrho	80	11	15½	19	4	8½	11
(*88)	90	5	10	14	9	13	18
Reuter	1300	72	110	137	28	57	78
(*1348½)	1350	40	80	115	50	85	105
R-Royce	120	12	16	20	5½	9½	12
(*129½)	130	6½	11	16	10½	14½	17½
Sears	90	13	16	18	2	5	6½
(*100)	100	5½	10	12	4	9½	11
Thrn Emi	850	29	52	65	23	38	58
(*854½)	900	10	65	42	57	67	90
TSB	160	16	20	24	6	10	14
(*172)	180	6	11	15	17	21	25
Vaal Reefs	35	5	6	7	2½	3½	5
(*38)	40	1½	3½	4½	5	6	7½
Wellcome	900	53	82	107	21	45	60
(*924½)	950	25	57	80	47	70	87

Series		Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Fisons	240	24	37	45	17	30	35
(*245)	260	16	28	36	29	43	48

Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Eastrn Elc	430	17	-	-	4	-	-
(*443)	460	2	18	26	20	30	44

Series		Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	300	14	24	28	8½	16	24
(*302½)	330	3½	11	14½	30	34	42
Scot Pwr	220	11½	18	22	5	8	15
(*227)	240	3	9	13	17	20	27

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Cocoa futures finished with light gains in trade dampened by a US holiday, while coffee ended easier but recouped some ground lost earlier in the day. All the softs markets were subdued in the absence of US players for the President's Day holiday. There were signs the coffee market was starting to settle down after recent volatility and in the long term it looked constructive.

LONDON FOX
COCOA

Mar	732-730	May	821-819
May	743-742	Jul	835-833
Jul	755-753	Sep	850-848
Sep	767-766	Dec	874-870
Dec	787-785		
Mar	807-806		Volume: 1941

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	917-915	Nov	905-898
May	913-912	Jan	920-908
Jul	889-888	Mar	935-918
Sep	893-890		Volume: 793

RAW SUGAR (FOB)
C Czarnikow

Spot: n/a		Oct	202.0-97.0
		Dec	196.0-92.0
Mar	187.0-84.0	Mar	197.0-93.0
May	200.0-98.0	May	198.0-97.0
Aug	206.0-04.0		Volume: 19

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)
Reuters

		Dec	248.5-47.5
Spot 260.0		Mar	248.5-45.5
May	260.3-60.0	May	252.0-48.5
Aug	263.0-62.0	Aug	258.0-54.5
Oct	249.5-48.5		Volume: 332

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 15

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	83.66	104.11	123.22
(+/-)	-1.45	+3.43	+0.93
Eng/Wales:	83.56	104.23	122.84
(+/-)	+1.26	+3.32	+0.44
(%)	-14.4	-28.8	-36.3
Scotland:	86.60	103.62	125.70
(+/-)	+6.41	-3.89	+4.30
(%)	-38.3	-30.5	-25.6

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Mar	unq	unq	May	unq	unq
Apr	unq	unq			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	142.55
May	143.85
Jun	144.75
Sep	110.25
Nov	112.20
	Volume: 152

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	139.15
May	139.90
Sep	108.05
Nov	111.10
Jan	113.95
	Volume: 27

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Apr	157.50
Jun	148.00
Aug	149.00
Oct	unq
Dec	unq
	Volume: 100

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	40.0	40.0
May	42.5	43.5
Apr	unq	unq
		Volume: 126

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Mar 69.50-69.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): As Opec squabbles threatened to end in disarray levels crumbled.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.95	-0.55
Brent 15 day (Mar)	17.50	-0.55
Brent 15 day (Apr)	17.95	-0.50
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	unq	unq
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	unq	unq

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	193 (-1)	195 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	168 (-5)	169 (-5)
Non EEC 1H Mar	169 (-5)	170 (-5)
Non EEC 1H Apr	168 (-5)	169 (-5)
3.5 Fuel Oil	69 (-1)	71 (n/c)
Naphtha	175 (-2)	176 (-2)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Mar	166.00-66.25	Jun	165.75-66.00
Apr	166.00-66.25	Jul	167.50-67.75
May	165.75-66.00	Aug	168.75-69.75
			Vol: 8446

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr	17.96-17.97	Jul	18.10-18.12
May	18.00 BID	Aug	18.12-18.18
Jun	18.05-18.09		Vol: 19212

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Mar	189.50-90.50	Jun	196.50-99.50
Apr	193.00-93.75	Jul	191.50 BID
May	195.25-96.00		Vol: 155

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 93	1349	1345	1349
Mar 93	1368	1365	1366
Apr 93	1357	1352	1354
Jul 93	1190	1185	1191

Vol: 84 lots. Open int'st: 2843 Index 1328 +7

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
(Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

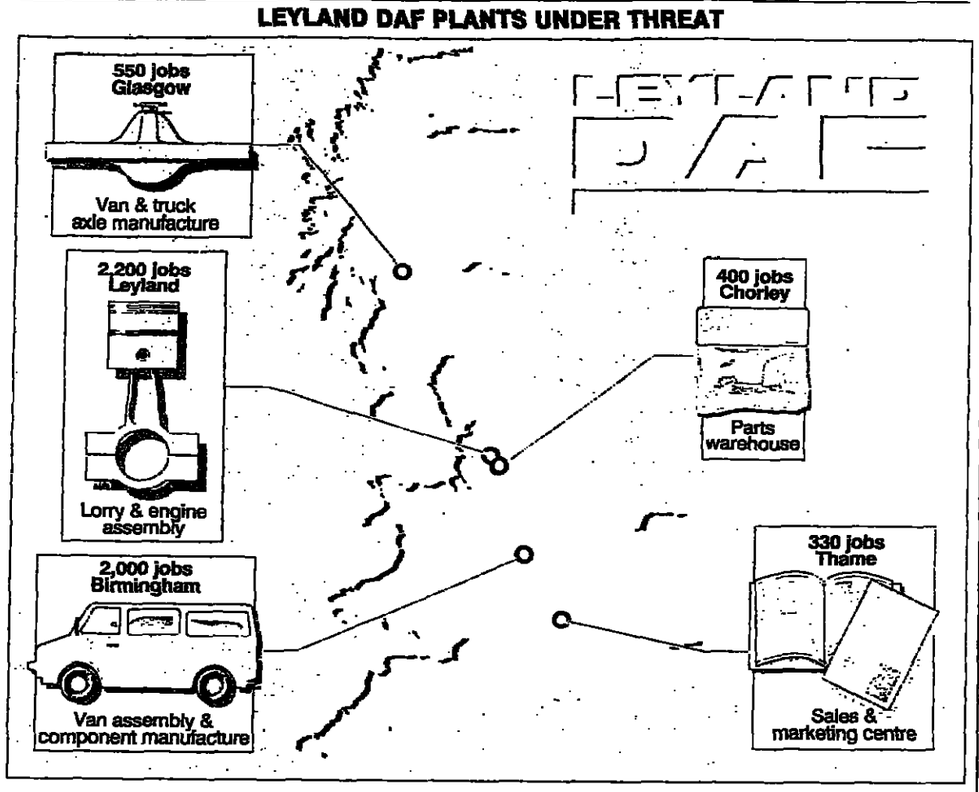
	Cash	3 mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1563.0-1563.5	1584.5-1585.0	529800
Lead (£/tonne)	292.00-292.50	302.50-302.75	50475
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1061.0-1062.0	1080.5-1081.0	272100
Tin ($/tonne)	5780.0-5782.0	5835.0-5850.0	3740
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1198.0-1198.5	1219.5-1220.0	787350
Nickel ($/tonne)	6108.0-6110.0	6175.0-6180.0	36624

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Managers try to steer Leyland vans over a potholed road

The devaluation of sterling could prove as valuable to the van maker as any cash injection from the government, writes **Ross Tieman**



Mortgaging your home and ploughing the money into an ageing second-hand van-making plant during the worst recession for 60 years takes a great deal of courage. If the venture fails, the venturer loses everything. Yet Allan Amey, the managing director of the Leyland DAF van factory in Birmingham, and his colleagues are expected to announce soon that they have appointed Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, to put together a buyout bid for the works.

Confirmation of management buyout plans for the factory offers hope to the 1,370 workers left at the plant. Only last Friday, supervisors handed out dismissal notices to 589 employees who will get only token state redundancy payments because Leyland DAF is in receivership. If Mr Amey and Co. are prepared to gamble their every penny on the most unpromising part of the business, perhaps the implications of the collapse of DAF, the Anglo-Dutch parent group, have been exaggerated. Perhaps.

Two weeks after a court placed the troubled group in administration, putting the jobs of more than 16,000 employees around the world at risk, along with perhaps 30,000 more at component suppliers, it is possible to make some reasonably informed predictions about the short-term outlook for the various operations, both here and on the Continent.

Their prospects are closely bound up with government policies that are now separated by a conceptual gulf as wide as the English Channel. Eighteen years ago, a Labour government nationalised the bankrupt British Leyland group by making a huge injection of capital in exchange for shares. It is just such as strategy that the Dutch and Belgian governments now contemplate to rescue parts of DAF.

When the Conservative government put the lorry business up for sale in 1986, almost all its profits were being swallowed up by interest payments on £750 million of commercial debt. To complete the sale, the government repaid that debt by a subsidy subsequently reduced to £680 million by the European Commission. The truck plant, it is said, was sold to DAF for a token payment of just £1, on condition that the Dutch group also took the Freight Rover van making operation in Birmingham. The DAF merger made sense. It gave Leyland the European market access it needed, and provided DAF with an excellent light truck to complement the medium and heavy trucks made in The Netherlands. DAF also did its best with the vans, although they, and the plant which makes them, had long been starved of investment. The vehicles were modernised, a new paint shop was installed, and a joint venture got under way with Renault to develop the Excel, now a prototype.

DAF remained over-dependent on the British market and lacked sufficient sales on the Continent to provide the economies of scale enjoyed by Mercedes-Benz, Volvo and other rivals. But it spent heavily on developing models, employing 1,200 research and development staff. The truck range is arguably the most modern in Europe. But production costs are too high.

DAF has been addressing these problems. In the two years to December 1991, it shed 3,300 jobs. The 1,635 redundancies — 30 per cent of all jobs — announced by the receiver of Leyland DAF last week should bring British manpower into line with demand. Between 40 and 50 per cent of the 6,500 continental workers are expected to be made redundant on Friday. Job losses at the truck assembly plant in Eindhoven, Holland, and at the Westerlo axle and cab plant in Belgium will form part of a carefully crafted rescue plan, however. Administrators to the DAF parent company have drawn up a package under which the Dutch government and the Flemish state government in Belgium will inject more than £100 million in exchange for a controlling shareholding in a slimmed-down truck-building operation.

Frans Andriesen, the socialist economic affairs minister in the Dutch coalition government, has been directing efforts to help DAF with an injection of public capital for many months. Had some banks not balked at proposals a fortnight ago, much of the Leyland DAF operation might now be owned by two foreign states.

A spokesman for the economic affairs ministry said DAF was being rescued because it holds a "unique" place in the Dutch economy, and operated as a centre of technology, benefiting a web of component suppliers. Details of the rescue package may emerge this week.

The "New DAF" company will concentrate on assembly of medium and heavy trucks at Eindhoven, drawing supplies of cabs and axles from Westerlo. The special products division will be sold in much reduced form, while the finance company will be closed.

Administrators have told British administrative receivers and trade unions that they will take up to half the output of the Leyland truck plant because the 45 series, of light truck, is essential to provide a full range of vehicles to the 1,300 dealerships across Europe. Ownership of the Leyland plant remains to be decided. The medium-term future of a somewhat smaller lorry making operation looks secure. But the underlying need for partnership with another assembler to achieve the world-scale economies needed to develop future vehicles remains to be addressed. The British industry department will not participate in a Leyland DAF rescue; there is ample spare capacity to build commercial vehicles in the UK. Buyers must be found for each of the key operations. If DAF can swallow its pride, a sale of the Leyland operation to Paccar, the American truck maker, might form the basis for a credible future alliance. In the past, DAF has operated as an integrated truck builder, designing and producing many of its own components. In the future, it is likely to rely more heavily on bought-in parts. That sets the stage for a separate sale of the Albion axle plant in Glasgow. A management buyout or trade sale, would be underpinned by orders from both truck and van plants.

Prospects look bleak for the Chorley parts warehouse, now reduced to 411 employees. The New DAF company is likely to follow the trend to direct supply of spares from the factory. But the marketing operation at Thame, Oxfordshire, now reduced to 334, may be spared further cuts. In the medium term, at least, the skills of the sales team to hang on to DAF's narrow leadership of the UK truck market, will be tested to the limit.

A buyout of the van operation in Birmingham is a short-term solution to a profound problem. Existing contracts could provide a market for a cheap panel van for a few years, but to build Excel would require more than £100 million of investment which would be wasted without a good distribution system. Vans, even more than trucks, need economies of scale that government cash cannot provide. But the government has provided some help: the devaluation of sterling could yet prove as valuable as any cash injection.

TEMPUS

High risks, low rewards

IF THE Stock Exchange's members offered their clients a high-risk investment with a return that never rose above 18 per cent even in boom conditions, and the prospect of regular and heavy losses, there would be riots in Throgmorton Street or hysterical laughter in the home counties. But 25 of the world's largest investment specialists have committed more than £4.5 billion to this investment — a stake in London's equity market.

The Stock Exchange's quarterly reveals its members received an average pre-tax return on capital of just 0.6 per cent last year. The modest gains of the first two quarters were wiped out by poor volumes and one-off dealing losses over the summer that even the interest generated by Black Wednesday in September failed to reverse. Firms have soldiered on since 1987 making inadequate profits in a business with high fixed costs that demands heavy, continual investment.

The main securities firms have stuck doggedly to the business. There were 25 market-making firms at the end of last year, little changed from the level in 1990. Indeed, the recent rise in equities and strong volumes look likely to tempt more firms to jostle for space in the already overcrowded market. The question is: why do they bother?

Firms believe they need to offer a full range of services. Eighties terms like cross-fertilisation are thrown around with conviction, with merchant banks viewing the business as an expensive loss-leader that will attract high-margin mergers and acquisition mandates. But investors and companies still have an unfortunate habit of shopping around for the best value on offer for all their business needs. This will ensure that the cross-subsidisation between securities and merchant banking inherent in most of the City's integrated houses remains unacceptable.

Dalgety

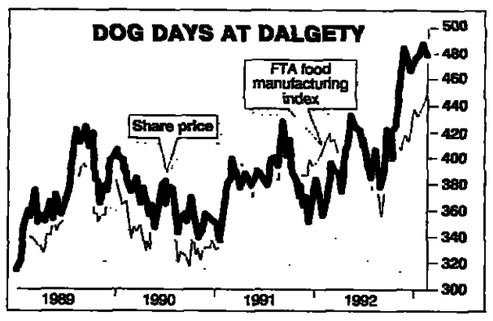
THE rerating that Dalgety enjoyed last year owed much to its ability to deliver what the City expects from food companies: unexciting but solid earnings and dividend growth. With low debts and a strong share price, the company has an ideal opportunity to strengthen its core businesses with acquisition and should not waste it.

Although the group's borrowings have risen £30 million in the past year, most of the increase has been caused by sterling's fall. Strong cash flow has largely absorbed the cost of Sooner Foods, the snack business, which added £1.5 million to profits in the half year.

Dalgety's success with Sooner Snacks, which has doubled its share of the snack market to 18 per cent, underlines the case for acquisitions.

If the group buys a sizable petfood manufacturer on the Continent, it could emerge as an international leader in the business and improve its share rating further. Alternatively, Dalgety should be a leading bidder if Tomkins auctions off any ingredients businesses from RHM, such as Bisto.

The only blot in the figures was economic. Dalgety's success in passing on price increases of up to 20 per cent in its agrifeeds business and its confidence that it will be able to add 10 per cent to consumer food prices this year show that the inflation from sterling's devaluation is being deferred rather than defused. Treasury optimists should take note.



BET

THE relief of BET's management after the disposal of Boulton & Paul is disproportionate to the amount raised. For three years a forlorn "for sale" sign has hung over the operation, which has generated losses but little outside interest. The £14.5 million raised from a business losing £10 million a year is good for the group, even though the terms represent a 55 per cent discount to net assets.

BET's balance sheet is now in good shape — the group should have net cash at the year-end in March — but the profit and loss account needs work. Disposing of underperforming businesses, such as Boulton & Paul, will help margins but the group needs to extract better performance from parts it wants to keep.

John Clark, chief executive, also needs to cut the dividend next year, as he has hinted he might. Shareholders have been overpaid in recent years, and this year's dividend will again be uncovered. The payout was almost halved last year but a further realignment is needed and the current gross yield of more than 8 per cent suggests the market thinks so too.

The opportunity has been ducked this time as a sweetener for last year's rights issue. But the way is clear next year and Clark should take it. Forecast pre-tax profits of £110 million will generate earnings per share of 8p, so it would be unrealistic to pay a 6.5p dividend. Half that figure is more sensible and would save £24 million.

Unigate

AT LEAST Unigate has no plans to join the long rights issue queue despite making two acquisitions worth more than £100 million since Friday. If the group can float its American restaurant business this summer, it should raise at least £140 million, depending on how much of the business Unigate decides to retain.

Even if a public offering succeeds, though, any proceeds will not come to the rescue of this year's balance sheet. Gearing for the year to March is expected to exceed 60 per cent.

Despite the impact on the balance sheet, the acquisition of Glass Glover is a good move. It fits well with Wincanton, Unigate's distribution arm, and will add about 40 per cent to turnover. Given the high fixed costs in distribution, integration of the businesses provides scope for significant margin improvement. Unigate is also buying some valuable contracts with customers such as Tesco, Argyll and Do It All.

The £54 million price tag should be judged against this, not the apparently costly exit p/e of almost 16. The long-term benefits outweigh any initial dilution and strains on the balance sheet.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Brown nurses career move

IN THE tradition of corporate financiers joining their clients, Frederick Brown is to leave Bank of Ireland, where he is a director, to join Associated Nursing Services. ANS has been a client of Brown's at Bank of Ireland for the past 18 months. Brown, 32, spent five years with James Capel Corporate Finance and the HSBC Group prior to joining Bank of Ireland two years ago. At Capels he was involved in transactions including the privatisations of Rolls-Royce and electricity. Brown's appointment as ANS commercial director to oversee growth and development will be effective from March 1. Nick Dhandsa, ANS chief executive, said: "We are delighted that Frederick is joining our team. His wealth of City and financial experience will prove a great asset to the group as it continues to grow its core activities."

Pep with soul

KEEPING this year's results, to be announced shortly, close to its chest, the Church of England's insurance company will capture the souls of its policy-holders when it issues its first Pep today. The Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, which insures 97 per cent of all Anglican churches, returns all its profits to the Church. The £10,000 it gave last Wednesday to the General Synod for the C of E's first corporate video aimed at broadening the church's appeal is small fry, compared with the £1 million it gives to the church annually and the £100,000 it pays out to sponsor anti-theft schemes for churches, Harry Tomczyk, the spokesman, explains. "Although we issue church policies, we also issue alternative life which generates a lot of profit. It's a Christian approach to business — we try to run the company that way."

In the dark

TRAVEL industry experts were left in the dark at British Midland's presentation of its new service for businessmen, at the Waldorf hotel, yesterday. Just as the company's elaborate laser video presentation was taking off, the screen went blank and the launch was stalled for 20 minutes. Sir Michael Bishop, BM chairman, was not amused, since contrary to the maxim "It'll be all right on the night", the company had staged four faultless rehearsals before the real thing was disrupted by a blown fuse.

Dressing down

AN INVESTIGATION into the unwritten rules that govern hemlines, necklines and the trouser question highlights what every woman in the City knows — that dress codes in the City are stricter than in any other sector. Alexander Howden, the reinsurance broker, says the ideal female City broker should even try to exude an "old school tie" image, according to a survey in the March edition of *Cosmopolitan*. "Skirts should be to the knee, minis are out. Earrings should be discreet, small diamonds or pearl studs and heels should be low as the City hasn't cottoned on to platforms. There is not an overt ban, but a woman in trousers is a rare sight on the Lloyd's trading floor," says Howden. While the City has the most stringent unwritten code, representatives of most sectors say that employees should dress to fit in, and agree with Marks and Spencer that "acres of cleavage is hardly businesslike".



Golden era

AGE and experience are the best attributes for fighting the recession, at least according to The Rank Organisation, whose 70-year-old chairman is up for re-election. Sir Leslie Fletcher, who will preside at the annual meeting at London's Gloucester Hotel on February 24, was appointed chairman last July, after the death of Sir Patrick Meaney. He has taken over at a difficult time, with admissions to Rank's 300 cinema screens across the country on the decline for the first time in four years. But the image of Rank's board, particularly the older non-executive side, is a stark contrast with the Rank gong man — the bronzed, youthful figure seen on cinema screens. Board members are probably not really older than the gong man, though — his beauty has been preserved on celluloid all these years.

WENDY VAIZEY

BUSINESS LETTERS

Case for unlinking the mark and German interest rates

From Mr Stephen Marris

Sir, There is seldom a quick and easy solution to a serious economic problem. When there is, and it is not adopted, the governments concerned are being extremely stupid: as in Europe today.

In a sharp cyclical slowdown, real short-term interest rates normally fall to around zero, as they have in the United States and Japan. By this criteria they are between 3 and 10 percentage points too high in most of Europe. Why? Because they are linked to German rates, which may be appropriate for Germany, but are too high for nearly everyone else. So the obvious solution is to cut this link. This can be done in one of three ways: let the mark float; widen its intervention margins to +/- 6 per cent; or — more ingeniously — revalue it by, say, 5 per cent, but announce that it will then be devalued daily at an annual rate of, say, 3 per cent until further notice.

With German interest rates and the mark unlinked, the ERM could be reconstituted with a sensible grid of parities; short-term interest rates could be slashed; and recovery would be around the corner. As and when the mess in eastern Germany is cleared up, the mark could rejoin the narrow band of the ERM.

The problem should be tackled at its source — the mark. Instead, everyone is sitting around while their currencies are knocked off one by one, destroying the ERM, whose discipline they all badly need (including you know whom).

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Yield of index points to best time to buy and sell shares

From Mr R. C. Sneddon

Sir, My crystal ball is, regrettably, no more reliable than Mr Simon Baggott's (Business letters, February 11), but the following findings are interesting.

Between 1919 and 1989, there were 30 years when the yield on the all-share index was 5 per cent or more at the end of the year and in every single case there was a positive real (after inflation) rate of return on equities over the following five years.

In contrast, there were 12 years when the dividend yield at December 31, was 4 per cent or under and following ten of these 12 years the rate of return on equities was negative in real terms over the subsequent five years.

The average five-year real rate of return, following the years in which the dividend yield was 5 per cent or over, was 14 per cent per annum, less tax.

It is, of course, a fairly basic concept that yield bears an inverse relationship to share prices, thus when the yield is higher than average — as it is at 5 per cent plus — share prices are, by definition, depressed.

This is always a good time to buy, if one can take a medium-term view of the investment scene.

These findings are obviously a summary of the past, but a certain consistency emerges which makes a fair case for only investing in equities when the yield on the index is above average and selling when it is below and certainly not for doing the reverse.

Yours faithfully,
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Edinburgh.

Squirreling away

From Mr P. L. G. Bateman

Sir, The column from Anthony Harris (February 5) and letter from John Gibbons (February 10) reminds me that at a recent conference, a paper described how the dominant male mouse is characterised by its habit of depositing more marks than its competitors. It was promptly named the Bundesmaus. The squirrel, of course, is simply a rat with good public relations.

Yours faithfully,
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Damage limitation

From Mr Roy Collingsworth

Sir, Now that the prime minister is resorting to litigation, surely the people of this great land should consider suing the government in the event that it decides to remove the state pension from those who have contributed in the belief that it is something the state would not renege upon, and who have planned their retirement income accordingly? Should the level of damages awarded be equal to the contributions paid in plus interest from the year when they first began?

Yours sincerely,
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5	Unilever	Industrial	
6	Union Disc	Banks,Disc	
7	Menzies (John)	Drapery,Strs	
8	Relyon	Industrial	
9	Cairn Energy	Oils, Gas	
10	Manders	Building,Rds	
11	More O'Ferrall	Paper,Print	
12	Fine Art Dev	Drapery,Strs	
13	Severn Trent	Water	
14	Marley	Building,Rds	
15	Burmah Castrl	Oils, Gas	
16	Yule Catto	Chems,Plas	
17	Usher (Frank)	Drapery,Strs	
18	Utd Friendly	Insurance	
19	Medeva	Industrial	
20	Wiggins Tpk R	Chems,Plas	
21	Burnfield	Electrical	
22	Argyll	Foods	
23	Arcon Intl	Oils, Gas	
24	LASMO	Oils, Gas	
25	HSBC	Banks,Disc	
26	NFC	Transport	
27	Honda Motor	Motors,Air	
28	Yorkshire Elec	Electricity	
29	Tomkins	Industrial	
30	Wessex Water	Water	
31	Tesco	Foods	
32	Renison	Mining	
33	Hugh Wkamp	Business Serv	
34	Lucas	Motors,Air	
35	Hillsdown	Foods	
36	Berisford Intl	Foods	
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1693	1230	Abbey Nat	1359	+3	105	3.9	12.4
237	154	Alfred Irish	197	-1	...	5.7	12.0
197½	100x	Anz New Z	155	+2	...	5.8	...
3725	1000	Barkamerica	3717	...	...	...	...
295	141	Bk of Ireland	197	...	...	6.0	31.5
323	323	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	16.0	7.5	...
136	97	Bank Scotland	129	...	4.3	4.5	20.3
494	274	Barclays	447	+12	21.1	6.5	...
n	n	Benchmark	3	...	...	...	...
204	28	Brown Shipley	32	...	...	...	...
21	10	Carlicle	18½	...	...	...	...
440	295	Cater Allen	437	+1	20.0	7.9	...
104	61	Charles Intl	104	...	3.8	4.9	15.2
3225	912	Chase Manh	2150	+18½	...	...	...
1950	577	Citicorp	1825	+25	...	...	...
300	205	Close Bros	300	+9	9.5	4.2	13.4
6117	6687	Commercial	6117	+212½	...	3.4	...
5287	5214	Deutsche Bk	5287	+100	...	2.2	...
81	11½	First Nat Fin	75	+1	...	...	...
1104	693	Fuji Bank Y	1091	+12	...	0.4	60.3
421	230	Gerrard Nat	414	...	21.0	6.8	...
606	236	HSBC	598	+8	...	3.3	34.6
587	313	HSBC HK	580	+9	...	3.4	23.8
215	202	Hambros	213	+2	13.8	6.3	12.9
335	308	Joseph (L)	333	...	15.8	6.0	...
118	54	King Shaxson	118	...	5.0	5.6	...
267	212	Kleinwort Ben	246	-2	16.0	6.2	20.3
573	346	Lloyds	513	-8	...	4.8	7.2
70	60	Lon Scot Bk	77	...	3.0	5.2	...
391	258	Nat Comm Bk	381	...	13.5	5.3	13.2
485	251	Nat West	458	+9	17.5	5.1	10.3
789	418	Provident	776	+1	25.0	4.3	17.7
45	25	Rea Bros	45	...	0.5	1.5	...
251	137	Rtl Bk Scot	239	+1	8.8	4.9	...
1506	1043	Schroders	1506	+5	18.0	1.6	17.6
672	364	Stand Chart	653	...	20.0	4.1	16.9
179	115	TSB	171½	+5	6.4	5.0	...
200	38	Union Disc	105	+6	13.5	...	...
615	403	Warburg SG	609	+1	18.0	3.9	18.0
216	137	-do- 6% 'A'	209	+1½	...	3.8	...
6725	3067½	Wells Fargo	6675	-100	...	1.6	...
183	99	Westpac	152	-1	...	9.3	...
253	188	Winntrust	200	...	9.3	6.3	7.6

BREWERIES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
712	526	Allied-Lyons	580	-3	20.0	4.6	13.5
656	472	Bass	573	-5	18.9	4.4	12.5
233	146	Boddington	201	...	6.6	4.4	12.7
400	300	Brkner (HP)	373	+6	9.0	3.2	17.2
159	111	Burtonwd Bew	150	...	4.4	4.0	10.9
291	194	Devenish (JA)	281	+5	7.8	3.7	...
107	68	Eldridge P 'A'	88	...	...	5.1	22.5
845	477	Fosters Brewing	665	...	...	4.1	...
440	340	Fullr Sm 'A'	350	...	...	3.6	14.7
578	360	Grand Met	538	-2	12.3	3.7	14.5
424	283	Greenalls Grp	409	+1	11.7	3.8	13.5
500	405	Greene King	527	...	11.6	2.9	13.7
644	487	Guinness	457	-2	10.3	2.2	15.1
346	246	Hardy Hanson	275	...	7.9	3.8	15.3
165	113	Heavitree A	113	+2	3.0	3.6	...
105	78	-do- 'A' LV	78	+2½	...	3.2	10.9
305	191	Highland Dist	269	...	6.0	3.0	17.9
578	360	Hoskins Brew	40	...	...	...	28.8
335	250	Invrgordn Dist	271	...	3.2	1.2	15.3
230	151	Macallan-Glen	173	...	0.7	0.6	34.9
650	380	Macln Marsh 'A'	435	+17	8.8	2.7	13.7
1720	915	Maynards	981	...	25.0	3.2	17.6
269	166	Mission Thmp	232	...	4.9	2.8	16.0
477	394	Matthew Clark	429	...	15.7	4.9	12.9
351	195	Mrydwn W	298	...	...	2.8	21.3
493	320	Morland	485	...	8.4	2.3	19.3
108	9	Paramount	9½	...	...	5.4	15.1
1020	866	SA Breweries	863	...	...	3.1	...
492	380	Scot & Nwc	423	-7	16.1	5.1	11.5
145	105	Taunton Cider	139	...	...	3.6	17.2
241	198	Vaux Group	217	...	6.3	5.7	15.0
249	166	Wolverhmpton JD	240	+2	...	2.6	20.1
498	347	Whitbread 'A'	474	-6	16.9	4.8	13.3
1436	1073	-do- 'B'	1073	...	16.9	2.1	30.2
660	510	Wolvrhmpton D	591	...	11.4	2.6	16.6
545	453	Young 'A'	510	...	14.5	3.8	22.3

BUILDING, ROADS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
98	60	Abbey	95	...	...	1.4	34.3
27	21	Albrighton A	21	...	...	...	...
126	54	Allen A	100	...	...	6.7	10.8
182	53	Amec	96	-4	10.2	...	7.9
27	2	Anglia Sec	n	+1	...	...	...
192	65	Ashtead A	175	...	4.1	3.1	23.5
151	100	Ashtead	141	+1	5.0	4.7	20.4
223	152	BPB Ind	222	+3	11.2	5.0	36.4
102	50	Baggeridge Brk	77	...	3.1	5.4	25.9
31	15	Bailey (Benj Con	31	...	0.5	2.4	...
116	98	Barcrom	105	...	1.2	1.8	17.5
194	134	Barrat	182	...	2.0	2.2	13.6
396	193	Bellway	396	...	11.5	3.9	21.9
32	14	Baldwinch	29	...	...	...	...
265	186	Berkeley Gp	254	...	9.0	4.1	9.8
100	45	Bett Bros	48	...	...	1.8	...
98	27	Blockleys	36	...	3.3	...	35.8
294½	121	Blue Circle	213	+4	11.2	7.0	21.3
545	149½	Boot (Henry)	345	...	...	2.9	13.4
108	62	Brendon PLC	97	...	4.6	4.3	18.8
152	66	Br Dredging	92	...	6.0	10.7	12.0
180	42	Brit Fittings	65	...	5.3	...	...
128	60	Bryant	125	...	4.8	5.1	26.7
80	38	CALA	80	...	2.3	5.1	...
240	107	Cals	240	...	...	4.0	12.3
14	14	Calstread Rby	38	...	...	...	...
82	18½	Costain	36	+½	4.7	...	...
143	91	Countryside	119	+3½	4.1	4.6	31.4
69	23	Crest Nicholson	48	-1	0.0	...	...
58	14	Crosby	45	...	...	...	...
n	n	Dunton A	3	...	...	...	...
45	12	Edmond Hdgs	24½	...	1.5	...	10.0
211	135	Epwin	181	...	...	4.9	14.9
54	25	Erith	33	...	2.0	...	...
300	230	Eve Groupa	300	+5½	...	4.3	10.9
88	28	Everard Barden	48	...	5.6	...	25.8
19	3	Expamaxa	4½	...	...	...	...
138	68	Freeman Gpa	102	...	...	...	...
58	48	Galliford	47	...	4.3	12.2	16.9
98	75	Gibbs & Dandy	75	...	...	...	...
925	578	Gleeson (MJ)	700	...	12.7	2.4	16.0
114	67	Hawden-Swan	95	-1	3.1	4.4	19.8
63	28	Henlys	36	...	2.6	...	35.3
28	15	Hey & Croftsa	16	...	...	...	...
268	128	Heywd Wm	204	...	12.5	8.2	18.7
106	79	Higgs & Hill	90	-2	9.0	...	9.1
29	23	Hunt Gp	23	...	2.5	...	11.4
20	10	Howard Hdgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
46	36	Dnuck Johnsn	43	...	6.0	...	...
43	14½	Jarvis	17	...	0.5	...	...
240	104	Laing (J)	204	-5½	9.0	3.9	10.6
35	3½	Lilley	7½	...	2.0	...	2.4
122	77	Ln Clydesdale A	77	...	4.5	7.8	20.0
26	4½	Lovell (Y)	15½	...	...	...	7.0
395	198	Manders	282	+3	7.0	3.2	20.3
148	57	Marley	113	+4	4.2	5.0	28.5
97	47	Marshalls	71	...	...	9.4	23.8
155	104	Mowlems (J)	141	...	4.9	5.1	11.9
219	76	McAlpine (A)	144	...	10.3	...	10.0
249	165½	Alfred McAlpine	239	...	10.5	4.4	14.2
1997	1000	Ashtead	1997	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'A'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'B'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'C'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'D'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'E'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'F'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'G'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'H'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'I'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'J'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'K'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'L'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'M'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'N'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'O'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'P'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'Q'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'R'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'S'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'T'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'U'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'V'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'W'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'X'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'Y'	1000	...	...	...	...
1000	1000	Aggr Ind 'Z'	1000	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
543	343	ADT	540	-3	...	...	...
248	193	Adam & Harvey	228	...	11.0	6.4	3.6
127	93	Air London	93	+5	...	5.9	9.9
63	34	Allied Lns	47	-1	4.0	8.5	7.1
181	91	Auto Sec	139	-1	4.9	4.7	11.3
206	80	BET Ord	103	+5½	...	8.4	15.1
100	41	BMB Res	72	...	4.9	9.1	8.4
318	208	BPP	305	...	10.0	3.3	45.7
285	178	Barbour Index	269	...	7.3	3.6	20.0
30½	13	Boustead	15½	+½	0.7	6.0	31.7
223	111	Brit Data Mgt	218	...	...	2.4	18.2
14	9	Brooklands A	12	...	...	...	...
101	58	Brooks Service	65	+2	4.0	...	19.1
82	72	CMT Gp	74	...	2.4	3.4	10.7
452	262	Capital Group	452	+5	5.4	1.6	26.0
36	19	Casket Pic	33½	...	0.5	2.0	12.7
270	254	Chiltern Capital	254	...	...	...	...
39	22	Chrisalfe	28	...	...	...	...
260	180	Cmbb Sec	260	+12	...	1.4	29.1
43	18	Comace	31	...	...	...	...
31	9	Corp Services	9½	+½	...	...	...
123	48	Dart	60	...	3.3	5.7	7.5
216	145	Davis Service	202	...	7.9	5.3	15.3
115	85	EW Facs	98	+1	...	5.9	7.3
57	8	Gardiner	13½	+½	1.3	12.8	4.2
48	21	Gardner (DC)	29	...	...	...	...
246	165	Hays	244	...	4.8	2.5	26.0
251	167½	Hogg Robinsn	205	...	6.3	4.1	15.4
143½	43	Holmes Protectn	65	...	...	...	...
158	98	Huton Wkamp	155	+6	...	...	16.7
£113¾	6825½	ISS B DKr	£117½	...	...	0.9	16.0
587	375	Inchcape	578	+14	12.5	2.9	24.6
785	561	Johnson Clean	785	...	25.7	4.4	16.3
18½	2	Lep	9	...	...	...	...
244	168	Mitie Gp	217	+7	2.7	1.7	18.2
1187	682	Manpower	1180	...	...	...	...
44½	32½	Michael Page	44½	...	1.8	5.4	12.4
250	86	Penna	250	...	...	1.1	63.3
5½	2	Prime People	2½	...	...	...	...
798	66	Proudfoot Alex	100	+3	19.5	24.5	5.3
453	395	RCO	423	...	12.8	4.5	14.2
183	117	REA	118	+1	4.0	4.5	...
81	48	Reed Executive	59	+1	...	...	...
165	117	Reliance Secs	143	+1	...	9.2	14.3
13	4	Remblnsmeer A	4	...	...	...	...
222	134	Rentokil	205	+1	1.6	1.0	33.1
265	180	Rolfe & Nolan	245	...	6.2	3.4	16.4
389	234	Salvesen (C)	378	...	7.0	2.5	20.9
43	25	Scott Pickford A	31	...	...	3.4	8.5
206	98	Securigrand	187	+1	9.4	6.7	...
12	1½	Select Appa	9½	...	...	...	...
798	555	Serco Gp	780	...	11.9	2.1	24.4
283	132	Sherwd Cmpa	255	...	...	3.1	8.9
157	85	Stanley	131	...	3.0	3.3	14.7
360	270	Warner Howrd	347	...	5.9	2.3	19.6
81	41½	Welpac	42	...	0.6	1.9	...
22½	7½	Wills Gp	20	+½	...	0.7	25.6

DRAPERY, STORES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
382	63	Alexon	83	+1	...	4.8	4.5
109	23	Amber Day	46	+1	3.1	9.0	12.6
306	190	Argos Plc	268	+1	6.4	3.2	18.6
99	57	Ashley (Laura)	78	...	0.1	0.2	...
305	180	Asprey A	298	...	...	2.2	24.2
340	180	Austin Reed	195	...	6.0	...	56.8
198	112	Beattie (J) 'A'	143	...	5.7	3.4	13.7
144	74	Bennetts	107	...	3.8	4.8	60.4
266	86	Bestwerve	241	-2	...	0.7	33.2
114	23	Blacks Leis	37	...	1.5	...	5.6
101	58	Body Shop	145	+2	1.6	1.5	16.7
14½	3	Brown & Jackson	14½	...	...	...	...
361	260	Brown (N)	356	...	6.0	2.2	22.0
80½	28	Burton	70	...	...	3.9	...
203	126	Camcort	148	...	...	2.5	19.0
358	245	Church	305	...	12.5	5.5	25.1
133	58	Clinton Cards	126	+1	3.7	4.0	...
231	151	Coats Viyella	222	...	7.0	4.2	25.4
163	77	Colourvision a	97	+2	...	...	16.4
404	300	Courts Furnish	404	...	9.0	1.7	30.3
252	100	Crown Eyea	130	+10	...	8.2	8.0
111	65	Dairy Farm Ind	98	+1	...	...	15.0
52	27½	Dewhirst (JO)	46	...	0.7	1.7	18.6
286	174	Dixons Gp	218	-2	8.0	3.7	25.4
496	355	Dunhill	378	...	7.7	2.7	13.1
33	13	EMA Gp	19	...	...	...	8.8
780	480	Elys (Wimbldn)	485	...	16.0	4.4	10.8
110	36½	Essex Furn	110	+2	...	3.3	22.0
358	199	Etam	212	...	6.6	4.2	18.9
523	340	Fine Art Dev	523	+7	11.0	2.9	22.1
80	26	Fired Earth Tiles	42	...	4.0	...	30.7
500	438	Formlnster	498	...	12.5	3.4	10.4
38	5	French Conna	37	...	...	...	...
51	21	Gabbitas a	29	+1	...	9.2	5.8
106	65	Gth'mpton Gp	97	...	...	2.0	10.9
41	18	Goldsmiths Gp	39	...	...	1.8	...
1800	1800	GUS	2513	+14	40.0	2.1	20.0
1728	1319	-do- 'A'	1583	+11½	40.0	3.4	12.6
703	30	Hampden Grpa	36	...	...	7.4	5.1
283	123	Harrisons	226	-14	4.8	2.9	13.8
25	16½	Helene Pic	24	...	2.0	11.2	10.5
69	43	Dowding Mills	59	...	2.5	5.6	19.4
1015	790	Dracla	963	...	...	1.3	23.5
382	233	Electrocomponents	375	...	7.0	2.5	21.3
586	286	El Data Prc	500	+15	15.3	3.1	16.6
75	28	Electrnd House	67	-1	2.3	4.7	20.4
29½	7	Emess	19	+1½	1.0	...	...
550	282	Eurotherm	537	...	8.0	2.0	...
122	51	EXI	105	+1	2.3	2.5	22.6
367	227	Farnell Elec	357	+2	5.8	2.2	19.5
40	18	Feedback a	35	...	...	...	...
14½	3½	Fermanti	14½	...	...	...	...
125	80	First Tech	125	...	...	2.4	20.0
125	71	Forward Gpa	125	+10	...	2.1	15.0
29½	18	Forward Tech	17½	-1	...	...	...
302	183	GEC	286	-1	9.0	4.5	15.1
221	102	Gyaceby	158	-5	10.9	9.2	13.7
37	18	Hillcrane	30	...	...	1.7	12.7
456	395	Hopkins Gp	454	+1	2.4	0.7	...
135	65	INSTEDa	85	...	...	0.6	5.4
345	190	Jones Stroud	342	...	8.0	3.1	14.9

ELECTRICALS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
103	45	Ab Elec	98	...	...	...	...
199	128	ACT Group	170	-1	4.5	3.5	16.7
231	195	Accia	221	...	...	3.3	19.5
162½	6	Acorn Comps	120	...	...	...	...
420	290	Admiral	420	+30	4.8	1.4	21.3
133	94	Alba	119	...	4.7	5.4	15.5
72	7	Alphameric	20½	+3	...	...	...
44	19	Amstrad	25½	...	0.4	2.4	...
141	83	App Micro a	128	...	...	...	...
22	12	Arlen	15	...	...	...	...
44	12	Assec	44	...	...	...	...
282	218	Bailey Hunter	266	...	...	9.2	4.6
20	1½	Bennett & Fount	5½	...	...	...	...
374	207	BICC	346	+3	19.2	7.4	20.2
575	314	Black	530	-15	9.2	2.3	20.4
4575	1150	Borland'a	1325	+25	...	...	...
330	208	Bowthorpe	278	+3	8.0	2.9	19.0
430½	305	BT	406	+3	14.4	4.7	15.1
325½	212	BT New	301	+3	14.4	4.7	15.1
9	5	Bulgin (AP) 'A'	8½	...	0.1	1.6	...
226	80	Burnfield	130	+3	...	5.9	18.7
734	486	Cable Wireless	733	+14	13.2	2.9	22.6
14½	4	Chloride	13	...	...	...	...
303	205	CML Micros	246	...	...	2.4	16.5
116	82	Comptr People	85	...	5.4	...	11.0
16	6	Cranborne a	2½	...	...	...	...
151	60½	Cray Elect	145	...	...	0.5	11.9
506	331	Delta	490	...	14.0	4.2	17.2
298	148	Dennard Ele	298	...	...	2.7	...
403	375	Domino	389	...	7.2	1.6	...
69	43	Dowding Mills	59	...	2.5	5.6	19.4
1015	790	Dracla	963	...	...	1.3	23.5
382	233	Electrocomponents	375	...	7.0	2.5	21.3
586	286	El Data Prc	500	+15	15.3	3.1	16.6
75	28	Electrnd House	67	-1	2.3	4.7	20.4
29½	7	Emess	19	+1½	1.0	...	...
550	282	Eurotherm	537	...	8.0	2.0	...
122	51	EXI	105	+1	2.3	2.5	22.6
367	227	Farnell Elec	357	+2	5.8	2.2	19.5
40	18	Feedback a	35	...	...	...	...
14½	3½	Fermanti	14½	...	...	...	...
125	80	First Tech	125	...	...	2.4	20.0
125	71	Forward Gpa	125	+10	...	2.1	15.0
29½	18	Forward Tech	17½	-1	...	...	...
302	183	GEC	286	-1	9.0	4.5	15.1
221	102	Gyaceby	158	-5	10.9	9.2	13.7
37	18	Hillcrane	30	...	...	1.7	12.7
456	395	Hopkins Gp	454	+1	2.4	0.7	...
135	65	INSTEDa	85	...	...	0.6	5.4
345	190	Jones Stroud	342	...	8.0	3.1	14.9

INDUSTRIALS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
224	135	AAF Inds	224	+1	...	4.5	11.8
616	370	AAH	527	-12	16.3	6.1	16.7
203	122	AIM	174	...	6.5	5.6	9.5
136	76	APV	124	-1	5.4	5.8	22.4
168	90	ASW	124	...	9.0	...	23.5
147	86	Ackrow	141	...	7.0	6.6	30.0
33	5	Aerospace Eng	12	...	1.0	...	7.2
498	253	Aitchison	462	...	7.5	2.2	12.8
122	38	Alendra W	122	-2	3.6	3.9	66.0
22	9	Allied Textile	16	...	...	...	...
358	258	Allmanair	465	+5	11.0	3.2	14.2
62	9	Alvis	28	+4	1.0	4.8	5.8
430	308	Ashtn Ind	420	...	17.0	5.4	11.3
33	13	Assbestos Cpa	20	...	...	6.7	...
160	125	Assdtheyss Sykes	145	...	4.4	4.6	...
918	535	Azoth Spcts	918	+3	...	2.2	20.0
50½	29½	Armour	45	...	1.4	4.4	13.2
168	123	Ash & Lacy	160	...	5.3	3.3	13.2
3½	1½	Ash Br Eng	3	...	0.0	2.2	...
565	300	Awtd Rubber	539	-1	16.5	4.1

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Suing for damages: it is rare for the Queen to take action in the courts, where Peter Carter-Ruck is the most celebrated of media lawyers

The high price of justice

Suing for libel is a luxury, but a reformed law of defamation could change that, **Frances Gibb** writes

The prospect that simultaneous legal actions threatened by the Queen and the prime minister would end up in the High Court was at least partly averted yesterday.

At the beginning of this month, the Queen had announced through her solicitor, Sir Matthew Farrer, that she was to sue *The Sun* for breach of copyright over its early publication of her Christmas message.

But yesterday, she accepted *The Sun's* offer of a £200,000 donation to charity and its open letter of apology on its front page.

John Major, however, has found the *New Statesman and Society* declaring that it would defend publication of an allegedly defamatory article which detailed the press coverage of unsubstantiated rumours which linked him with the caterer, Clare Latimer. Despite last Friday's High Court settlement, in which the magazine's printers and distributors agreed to pay Ms Latimer and Mr Major damages estimated at £60,000, the *New Statesman and Society* says that it will fight the action, maintaining: "this question will be determined at the end of the day by a judge and jury".

For many people, these extremely rare (but not unprecedented) actions by the prime minister and the monarch just underlines the maxim that legal proceedings against the media, libel in particular, are only for the rich and famous.

The burgeoning field of media law, which spans entertainment law and copyright to defamation and obscenity law, sees lawyers acting for high-profile clients whose damages are splashed across headlines. Who are the main players in this charmed circle of legal work and what are the prospects for Joe Bloggs who feels his name has been damaged?

Libel is probably the mainstay of media law. As the doyen of defamation, Peter Carter-Ruck comes closest of all libel lawyers to a household name. At nearly 79 years of age he still plays a key role in attracting clients (Norman Lamont, Cecil Parkinson, Jani Allan) and supervising their cases. But while the firm's younger partners benefit from his reputation, they have carved out their own names.

"There are three law firms who, when you receive a writ, make you gulp and take a deep breath," one Fleet Street lawyer says. He singled out Andrew Stephenson and Alasdair Pepper (both Carter-Ruck & Co); Keith Schilling (Schilling and Lom), who came from Wright Webb Syrett to create a highly successful niche for himself; and Barton Taylor (Russell Jones & Walker), the "Rottweiler par excellence" — who acts for the Police Federation. "When reading any copy, the question at the back of your mind is always: 'Will Barton Taylor come down on us like a ton of bricks?'"

Such firms are known particularly, but by no means exclusively, as "plaintiff's firms". Then there is a host of firms who act chiefly for newspapers and broadcasting companies: Lovell White Durrant, Theodore Goddard, and Oswald Hickson Collier. In all, more than 30 London firms are listed for either plaintiffs or defendants, or both, in *Chambers and Partners' Directory*.

As well as the above, the highly-rated include: Biddle & Co, Bindmans, William Charles Crocker, Farrer & Co, Goodman Derrick, Denton Hall, Mishcon de Reya, Simon Olswang, Swepstone Walsh (Ms Latimer's lawyers), Rubinstein Callingham Polden & Gale, and Richard Sykes.

When it comes to silks, Richard Hartley, at 1 Brick Court, is perhaps the most experienced. The other main libel chambers is Patrick Milmo's set at 10 South Square. Apart from George Carman QC, whose name is best known, other favoured QCs are: Desmond Browne, Charles Gray, David Eady, Richard Rampton and Lord Williams.

Picking a lawyer, though, is only a first step.

Libel is fraught with hurdles: even with a good case, there is the problem of costs. Unlike almost all other civil work, defamation does not qualify for legal aid. The going rate for London libel partners is £200 to £250 an hour, although some well-known firms charge nearer £300.

Julie Scott-Bayfield (the daughter of Peter Carter-Ruck), who is with Mishcon de Reya, says that the first question many people ask her is whether to put the house in their spouse's name. "The costs are an enormous headache. We quote an all-in rate, so clients know what they are being charged. But I often take the view that the plaintiff is best served not by going to trial but by a good out-of-court settlement at an early stage." To get that good settlement, though, she says, clients "have to be prepared to go all the way".

In fact more than 90 per cent of libel actions do settle before trial. Huge damages awards may have acted as a spur. Keith Schilling says: "I detect a greater readiness on the part of newspaper lawyers to be proactive and agree a settlement, sometimes even before the first letter." A term of such settlements is often that the sum is not disclosed. Generally they are unlikely to top £25,000.

Mr Schilling says: "I try to go for at least five figures and I have had six, but not seven." The sums are lower than a jury award. Ms Scott-Bayfield points out, "because people are getting their damages clear of any risk, so the figures don't run into telephone numbers".

The risks of going all the way to trial are well known. There is uncertainty over winning, over the damages a jury may award and over the costs. The damages can now also be cut on appeal — as with Teresa Gorman MP's libel award against Anthony Mudd, which was cut from £150,000 to £50,000.

Jani Allan lost against Channel 4 and landed a legal bill estimated at £300,000. Lord Aldington won his celebrated £1.5 million but found the award meaningless as the defendants could not pay.

For a winner, too, costs can quickly make the outcome a Pyrrhic victory. If the defendants "put a sum into court" (make an offer before the case is heard), and the plaintiff rejects it, then if the jury decides to award a lower sum in damages, the plaintiff will incur substantial costs.

Bill Roache, the actor, won £50,000, but because that was the exact sum paid into court by *The Sun*, he ended up having to pay the bulk of the action's legal costs, about £120,000. *The Sun's* legal manager, Tom Crone, said that the plaintiff "had learned the first lesson of libel, which is that if you don't like losing, don't play the game."

Such payments into court, Mr Schilling argues, can be "the best defence to a libel action. The only way to stop a determined plaintiff is to make a payment into court. The solicitor then knows the client may risk ending up paying the costs. He should say: take the sum, it might be less, but better to play on the safe side."

But sometimes people who are neither famous nor wealthy do succeed. Last year a plumber sued Thames Television for calling him a "cowboy" and won £5,000. Thames had paid only £115 into court as a settlement offer.

Unofficially, too, some firms will act on what is almost a speculative basis, not taking fees until the action is over. "Quite a lot of firms do take sure-fire winners on and not ask for much money up front," Mr Schilling says.

Mark Stephens, of Stephens Innocent, is one of the new generation of libel lawyers to watch. He devised a way round the funding problem by pursuing instead a claim of malicious falsehood (which did qualify for legal aid) in the celebrated case in which a former maid to the Princess Royal sued over an article claiming she took intimate letters.

Mr Stephens, who has acted in a spate of high-profile cases, says: "At the end of the day, though, the only real answer is legal aid, so that justice does not depend on the depth of a person's pocket."

Weak cases would be filtered out by the Legal Aid Board's own legal merits test so there would not be a rush of unmeritorious cases, he says. In the present climate of cuts, legal aid is not a political reality. The Lord Chancellor has promised, however, to bring in a new summary scheme, enabling smaller actions to be settled quickly and cheaply, with a judge — not jury — setting moderate damages.

Newspapers, for their part, will be able to curtail libel proceedings with a new "offer of amends" procedure, where they accept that they have made a mistake and are ready to apologise and accept damages set by a judge. In the meantime, libel may remain chiefly a weapon of the rich or famous. But for the lawyers, the work will undoubtedly keep rolling in.



Offer: yesterday's Sun front page

Judging an issue of life or death

The decision to allow Hillsborough victim Anthony Bland to die reveals a respect for individual rights

When Solomon was asked to decide which of two female claimants was the mother of the child before his court, the task was relatively simple. It was a factual dispute to which there was a right answer. The decision of the appellate committee of the House of Lords that doctors may lawfully stop feeding Anthony Bland, a victim of the Hillsborough disaster who "lives" in a persistent vegetative state with no hope of recovering any cognitive brain function, illustrates the profound ethical dilemmas which judges can be asked to resolve.

The timing of death was once a matter of fate. Because of scientific advances, it is increasingly becoming a matter of medical decision whether to undertake or to continue a procedure that could prolong existence. The judgments of the five law lords that ending the medical treatment of Mr Bland would not be unlawful reveal a deep division about the nature of the judicial function in such cases and an important debate about the content of the legal rights.

Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Mustill expressed considerable unease about the judiciary seeking to resolve complex moral and social issues which are the subject of profound disagreement within society. Although satisfied that on the facts of this case the doctors had no legal duty to continue to provide medical treatment, each of them urged Parliament to consider speedily what principles should be applied in such hard cases. Lord Goff, with whom Lords Keith and Lowry agreed, adopted a different approach. Because it was not in Mr Bland's best interests for doctors to continue artificially to prolong his life in circumstances where this could confer no benefit on him, the doctors had no legal duty to continue such treatment.

The judicial humility of Lords Browne-Wilkinson and Mustill would normally be a virtue. But it cannot be allowed to conceal the central truth, however difficult the issue, that the answer in Mr Bland's case depends on an analysis of his fundamental legal rights which it is the role of the highest court in the land to assert and protect. Competing arguments of principle are presented in public, followed by a reasoned conclusion of the court. If Parliament disagrees with the answer, it has the opportunity to legislate.

What, then, are the fundamental rights that the courts should recognise in this context? As the law lords agreed, an adult of sound mind has a legal right to reject medical treatment, even if the inevitable consequence is death. For the doctor to override the patient's wishes would be an unlawful assault. So the law recognises the fundamental right to personal privacy and autonomy: the right to be left alone.

Mr Bland's rights are not extinguished because he now has no means of expressing his views. As Mr Justice Brennan explained in the United States Supreme Court in the similar case of Nancy Beth Cruzan in 1990, the state's role is to provide the victim "now incompetent, with as accurate as possible a determination of how she would exercise her rights under these circumstances".

Because Mr Bland expressed no clear view as to whether he would wish such treatment to be continued, the courts should give presumptive weight to what his parents, his closest relatives, say he would want. A court may also properly assume that he would wish to be treated according to good medical practice.


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Lord Goff acknowledged that this "substituted judgment test" has been adopted by most American courts. However, he rejected it in favour of a "best interests" test because he found it "difficult to see how the personality of the patient can be relevant" in a case where he or she is in a persistent vegetative state. But it is because Mr Bland is still alive, and because each of us, according to our own social, moral and religious beliefs, is entitled to choose how to be treated were we unfortunate enough to suffer his fate, that it is not for society to impose on the victim its view of what is in "his best interests".

The law has made a policy decision not to allow doctors to take active steps to put patients out of their misery. When the question is whether doctors may lawfully omit to prolong life, it is only by respecting the choice of the victim whether to be subjected to further intrusive treatment that we can hope to accord that patient the privacy, autonomy and dignity to which a human being is entitled. Any other test denies the victim the humanity which the law asserts he or she still enjoys.

There can be no doubt that Mr Bland would not have wished the treatment to continue in his case. His liberty, which we respect in life, is as fundamental in death. The law lords were right to allow him to die.

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Ghetto freedom?

THE furore over the attempt to mark out an *Eruv* area within the London Borough of Barnet is continuing. An Eruv is a parcel of land within which, according to Jewish law, the public symbolically becomes private and orthodox Jews can carry out activities on the Sabbath that are normally prohibited, such as pushing a pram.

The proposal has come from the Eruv Committee of the United Synagogue, which claims that more than 10,000 people will benefit. The local authority has found itself in the middle of a bitter row between those who believe that the Eruv will promote freedom of religious expression and those who think it will create a ghetto.

Some councillors believe the authority can competently deal only with the planning aspects and that the social ramifications are beyond its scope. The controversy has provoked interest as far afield as Los Angeles, whose mayor, Tom Bradley, has written to Barnet pointing out that fears about the Los Angeles Eruvs proved unfounded. Eruvs exist in more than 100 cities, including Washington.

INNS AND OUTS

Hang fire

WITH the Queen and the prime minister possibly descending into the murky world of copyright and defamation actions, media lawyers are studying new areas of defamation and constitutional law.

Word from the copyright chambers of Blanco White QC is that a person who maliciously publishes material about the Prince of Wales that may deprive or hinder him from succeeding the Queen may be guilty of treason under the 1702 Treason Act. Learned counsel points out that the penalty for treason is "death by hanging".

Legal advisers are also being referred to a report in *The Times* of November 23 1937 on the Duke of Windsor's libel action against William Heinemann over a book, *Coronation Commentary*.

In the report, this book — in the words of Sir William Jowitt for the duke — gave "further currency to defamatory and utterly groundless rumours" about the Duchess of Windsor having been the duke's "mistress" before their marriage. Heinemann did not seek to justify these "baseless and false rumours" and Sir William conceded that the "rumours and suggestions" were referred to "only for the purpose of discrediting them". Heinemann still had to pay the duke a "substantial sum" in costs and damages. The Lord Chief Justice, presiding over the "grovelling apology" was not impressed, referring to the libels as "foul and cruel", which "appear almost to invite a thoroughly efficient horse-whipping".

Hacks can be grateful the present Lord Chief Justice is the enlightened Lord Taylor.

Belting up

CITY moves: along with Giles Henderson, its new senior partner, signs of changes are afoot at Slaughter and May. Who would have believed that David Frank, a partner in the normally tight-lipped firm would be quoted as saying: "We have to become more of a conveyor-belt firm if we are not to lose our market share"? He is worried by the firm's poor showing in the *International Financial Law Review's* annual Eurobond league tables, which show the number of Eurobond issues that Slaughter and May advised on in 1992 as down 33 per cent on 1991.

Trial by TV

CHANNEL 4's new legal series, due to begin on April 25, has set up a hotline for "dissatisfied customers". Individuals who have fallen prey to less desirable aspects of the legal system and have a tale to tell can call the programme makers, Atlantic Eye, on 071-404 6744.

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Passing-off: the acid test

After the elderflower champagne case, **Robyn Durie** looks at ways in which counterfeiting can be countered



CHRIS HARRIS

Bubbling over: Dr Guy Woodall, left, and Ray Bevan, Thorncroft Vineyard directors, celebrate outside the court

Thorncroft Vineyard last week raised a glass of elderflower champagne to celebrate victory in round two of its battle with the champagne producers to use the word "champagne" to describe its carbonated elderflower cordial.

The triumph was the climax of proceedings launched with an interlocutory injunction to restrain the use of the name "elderflower champagne" in April last year, on the ground that it amounted to passing off the product as champagne. So, for the last nine months, those with a taste for it have been drinking "sparkling elderflower".

Last week, Sir Mervyn Davies, the judge hearing the case, found that the risk of damage to producers from the Champagne area of France was minimal. Only a small section of the public would buy elderflower champagne thinking it was champagne and the defendant's business was small and not competitive with that of the champagne houses. There was thus no likelihood of substantial damage.

To fall foul of the tort of passing-off, a misrepresentation must be shown to be calculated to injure the business or goodwill of another trader and to cause actual damage to that business or goodwill.

Here was the rub: it was this last element that was found to be missing in the case brought against the Surrey elderflower producer. Sir Mervyn, giving his ruling, disagreed with the interlocutory decision in which there was a reference to the possible dilution of the extensive reputation of the French champagne producers satisfying the requirement of damage. As the parties were not in serious competition, he believed that there would be no substantial effect on that reputation.

The decision represents a rare victory for a defendant against whom an injunction has been granted at the request of wealthy plaintiffs; in effect, losing a battle but winning a war.

But, more important, it draws attention to the importance of proving actual damage; what has been characterised as the acid test to distinguish misrepresentations that amount to passing-off from those of which the plaintiff cannot complain.



Only a small section of the public, the judge said, would buy elderflower champagne in the belief that it was champagne

Another illustration of this is the Stringfellows nightclub case, where even if television viewers associated frozen potato chips with the plaintiff's nightclubs, the court held that the plaintiff was unlikely to suffer any damage.

So — any appeal aside, and the champagne houses have indicated that they will appeal — what are the ramifications of this case for those whose goods are regularly counterfeited? If the elderflower champagne case is not limited to its own particular facts, they could be considerable. It has long been argued in counterfeiting cases that nobody is deceived into believing that a cheap watch is the expensive branded product.

Will it be necessary to show that a particular number of people were likely to be deceived? Certainly, a market trader is not competing directly with the luxury goods manufacturer. This could mean that small-scale counterfeiters may not be passing off their goods as genuine.

Of more comfort, perhaps, the explanation that elderflower champagne was non-alcoholic was not considered sufficient to prevent the label being calculated to deceive consumers. This emphasises that any disclaimer as to the origin or nature of goods has to be clear and compelling.

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Small, ambitious firms are flexing their muscles

Blazing a trail in Europe

In Zurich ten days ago, lawyers from Germany, France, Switzerland and England gathered to plan a strategy of global expansion. The setting was the office of Frick & Frick, a local firm, and the occasion was the quarterly board meeting of the Consulegis, the EEIG (European Economic Interest Group) for medium-size law firms. Using planning maps and coloured flags of various hues, the board members charted the group's expansion over the past couple of years and its plans for the future.

The pace was dramatic. From its heartland in Germany, Consulegis has mushroomed to take in most EC members and it is counting on a rapid move into central and Eastern Europe as well as across the Atlantic. So while Consulegis may not yet have Clifford Chance or Freshfields shivering in their well-heeled boots, it could be blazing a trail for small, ambitious law firms right across Europe.

"Consulegis was set up as a way of defending the medium-sized firms against the bigger ones," says Dr Thomas Marx, a lawyer from Hamburg who is the driving force for the group. "From 1985 until 1991, we only had German members, but we have now changed into an international association which offers a model for other medium-sized firms to follow."

The sole UK member of Consulegis so far is the nine-partner firm of Booth & Blackwell, in London's West End. But this is set to change. Dr Marx envisages that by the end of next year there could be as many as six UK firms within the association, with Leeds, Manchester and Birmingham represented as well as Scotland and Northern Ireland.

"I believe that a target of half a dozen medium-sized law firms from the UK is a realistic objective," says Dennis Raingold, the partner at Booth & Blackwell who is running the Consulegis marketing strategy.

Although Booth & Blackwell is a relatively recent addition to the association, the British contribution is highly valued. "We've taken on the marketing for Consulegis Europe-wide because the Germans acknowledge we've got more experience in promoting legal services commercially," says Anna Theodorides, another partner at Booth & Blackwell who is heavily involved in the association.

As a mark of Consulegis's commitment to doing things the British way, the association has adopted English as the common language and hired



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John Hamilton Associates, the management consultants, to help develop its medium-term strategy. John Hamilton, a lawyer formerly with Linklaters, will work regularly with Dr Marx to take the expansion forward to the next stage.

"The British bring an additional quality to these matters which is hard to describe but is perhaps akin to the yeast in dough," says Dr Marx. "They will help the association to grow and give it direction."

With its target of 100 firms worldwide, the German character should be progressively diluted, especially as more American and Far Eastern firms join. The newest board member, for example, is Fred Khan, from Hong Kong.

As Mr Hamilton has emphasised to the Consulegis board, however, the key to the association's success will lie in its selection procedures. These must be formalised and tightened up. However, the exact criteria for membership are not easy to decide — a recent meeting of the membership committee, for example, was divided on what should be required from its applicants.

EEIGs are now growing in popularity, but in general they are much more compact than Consulegis. Nick Mallett, a partner of Baileys Shaw & Gillett, which is a member of the eight-member Legalliance grouping, says it had modest plans for expansion. He was dismissive of Consulegis's proposed saturation coverage. "No one takes you seriously if you say you've got offices everywhere," Mr Mallett says.

Certainly, the smaller your membership the better you are likely to know each other and the more likely to cohere as an association. Although Legalliance does not require exclusivity, the presumption is that European work would normally be referred to a member. "We're tantamount to being a partnership," explained Mr Mallett, "and we advise potential members that if they are troubled with the prospect of a possible future merger, then they'd best not join."

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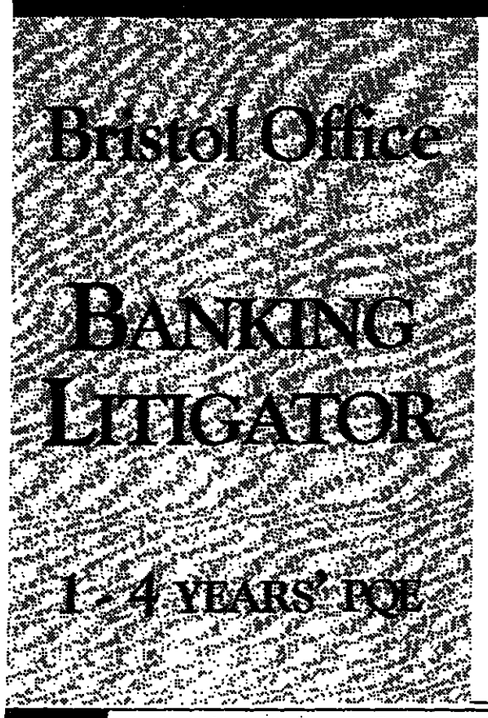
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Judge erred in refusal to grant adjournment

In re Land and Property Trust plc (No 2)

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord JusticeBeldam and Sir John Megaw

[Judgment February 11]

The wrgful refusal by a judge to grant adjournment of a hearing and failure to ensure that he had aquate evidence before him on wh he could reach a decision, aused him to err in principin holding directors of a compa liable for the costs of insolve litigation.

A per consideration of the availab evidence could not satisfy the cou hat the directors had not acted igood faith and showed that thead observed the requirements the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 N925). They should not have be ordered personally to pay a peoning creditor's costs.

The Crt of Appeal so held in reservedidgment allowing an appeal fve directors of Land and Prorty Trust Co plc Mr Berris Ben, Mr Michael Fielding, Mr urk Gurney, Mr Daniel Lewis arMr Sylvain Reinhold, from thedgment of Mr Justice Harman the Companies Court ([1991] C 446) ordering that they persally pay the costs incurred bycreditor, John Lelliott Managent Ltd, in successfully contesting petition brought by the compefor an administration order.

Mr Nicas Stewart, QC and Miss Jeter Lemkey for the directors; Richard Ritchie for Lelliott.

LORD JSTICE NOURSE said that oiebruary 8, 1991 Mr Justice Haan, refusing a petition by company for an administraa order, had, on Lelliott's pem, ordered that it be wound up, though the directors were not pas to the administration petitiorhe judge had jurisdiction to re an order for costs against ther

However, e directors argued that they had not had a proper opportunity of putting in evidence; that in refusing them an adjournment and making the costs order on the evidence that was before him the judge had erred in principle, and that on the fresh evidence that was now before the court the order ought not to have been made.

The petition had come on for hearing before the judge on February 6. At the end of that day it was adjourned to February 8. Lelliott had given notice that if successful in its opposition it would ask for its costs from the directors.

On February 8, the directors were represented by counsel who applied for the adjournment to enable evidence to be put in. Refusing the application and ordering the payment of costs, the judge said that the resolution of the directors "to present an administration petition seems to me to have had no independent support at all and not to have been the act of persons making desperate efforts in all good faith to save the company ... this is a wholly exceptional case where the petition was resolved upon without proper consideration of its purposes and was persisted in in the face of overwhelming opposition and without reason."

The judge had made no reference to his refusal of an adjournment. The only maerial that the court could act on was an affirmation from the directors' solicitor that his firm was instructed by the directors on February 7 who had then instructed counsel who had appeared on February 8.

On that day, he affirmed, court business had been disrupted by heavy snow and it had been impossible to assemble proper instructions.

With the benefit of fresh evidence, it was clear that the judge was wrong not to have granted an adjournment and to have determined the matter on inadequate evidence.

The issue that was raised for decision on the application for costs against the directors was quite separate from the issue on the administration petition. The directors were entitled to a proper opportunity to put in evidence. Even without the effects of the severe weather, it could not reasonably have been thought that they had had that opportunity by February 8.

Lelliott's claim, moreover, could have had serious consequences for the directors: to their pockets and to their reputations. On every score it deserved to be fully investigated.

The judge's errors entitled the court to interfere with his decision. The fresh evidence showed that the directors had observed all the requirements of the Insolvency Rules: had the support of experienced insolvency practitioners who had produced a rule 2.2 report and had acted under the advice of solicitors and counsel experienced in insolvency matters that the administration petition had a chance of success.

Thus the court could not be satisfied that the directors had not acted in good faith in what they considered to be in the interests of the company. They should not be ordered to pay Lellion's costs of the petition.

The case provided a good illustration of the dangers inherent in treating an application for costs against a third party in the same manner as one against a party to the proceedings.

Such an application would often raise different issues from those that the court had so far considered and to which the evidence had so far been directed.

Every judge of first instance would wish to ensure that the procedures of his court allowed such applications to be justly determined.

Lord Justice Beldam and Sir John Megaw agreed.

Solicitors: Kanter Jules Grangewoods; Masons.

Director's breach of duty in signing forms

Bishopsgate Investment Management Ltd (in Liquidation) v Maxwell

Before Lord Justice Ralph Gibson, Lord Justice Leggan and Lord Justice Hoffmann

[Judgment February 11]

The breach of fiduciary duty by a company director who wrongfully authorised the transfer of company assets to another company lay in the act of signing the transfer forms and not in his failure to make proper enquiries before signing.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by Mr Ian Maxwell against an order of Mr Justice Chadwick (*The Times* January 12) that on account of breaches of the duty which he as a director owed the plaintiff company, Bishopsgate Investment Management Ltd, summary judgment would be given against him for damages to be assessed and he should make an interim payment of £500,000.

Mr Colin Rimer, QC and Mr Paul Girolami for the appellant: Mr John Brisby for the company.

LORD JUSTICE HOFFMANN said the company was trustee of the assets of pension schemes for employees of companies controlled by the late Robert Maxwell. After Maxwell's death in November 1991 it was found that hundreds of millions of pounds had been wrongfully sold or pledged for the benefit of other Maxwell companies.

The company had issued a summons for judgment under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court for damages to be assessed and also claimed an interim payment under Order 29, rule 11. There had been a five-day hearing in July 1992 before Mr Justice Chadwick who had given judgment on December 21, finding in favour of the company on one set of misappropriations and ordering an interim payment of £500,000.

In their Lordships' view, the time taken to deliver judgment was excessive, the hearing having been arranged at fairly short notice to come on before the end of the summer term. The parties were entitled to feel that there was little point in exerting themselves if they were not going to have a decision for five months.

There had been inconvenience and additional expense arising out of a matter of which the judge could not at that time have been aware. Mr Maxwell had given his solicitors a second charge against his house registered on July 31, 1992 to secure their fees. The plaintiff wished to apply under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986 which gave the court jurisdiction to set aside preferences given within six months before presentation of a bankruptcy petition.

His Lordship said nothing about whether that charge satisfied the statutory criteria for a preference. But the time taken to give judgment used up five of the six months, and the statutory demand which had to precede a bankruptcy petition required another three weeks.

The company had been obliged to persuade the court to qualify its stay of the interim payment order by allowing presentation of a petition provided that it was thereafter frozen pending the appeal.

A further difficulty was caused when Mr Maxwell then issued a summons to set aside the statutory demand, a step which ordinarily would have prevented presentation of a petition for some weeks until the summons could be heard: see section 267(2)(d) of the 1986 Act.

Mr Justice Chadwick had been obliged to hear the summons as a matter of urgency and dismissed it in time to enable the petition to be presented with three days to spare. All that expensive last-minute activity should have been unnecessary.

In relation to all but one of the misappropriations from the company, Mr Ian Maxwell's inactivity had been total. The company had not alleged that he participated in or even knew of the relevant transactions. Its complaint was that he should as a director have taken enough interest to find out what was happening and prevent it.

The judge had rightly refused to enter into those questions on a summons under Order 14 and had given leave to defend on the basis that there was a triable issue on causation, because the plaintiff would be required to prove that compliance would have prevented the damage. The attempt to obtain judgment on those issues under Order 14 had been misguided and was a waste of time and money.

In the case under appeal, Mr Maxwell had signed the transfer of five parcels of publicly quoted shares from the company for nil consideration to Robert Maxwell Group plc, which controlled Robert Maxwell's private interests.

Mr Maxwell had also signed blank transfers enabling the shares to be pledged to Credit Suisse to secure advances for the benefit of Robert Maxwell's private interests. All five of the parcels had since been disposed of and the company had received nothing.

The transfers by the company had not been authorised by the board and no grounds had been put forward upon which it could honestly have been thought that the transactions were for the benefit of the company as trustee of the pension funds.

A company director owed a duty to act *bona fide* in the interests of the company. He had to exercise the power solely for the purpose for which it was conferred. To exercise the power for another purpose was a breach of his fiduciary duty.

Mr Maxwell was in breach of his fiduciary duty because he gave away the company's assets for no consideration to a private family company of which he was a director. It was for him to demonstrate the propriety of the transaction.

Mr Rimer had submitted that the essence of the breach of duty was Mr Maxwell's failure to make proper enquiries before signing. That was an attempt to characterise the breach of duty as an omission. But it was fallacious.

Even if he had made enquiries and received reassuring answers from other directors whom he was reasonably entitled to trust, Mr Maxwell would not have escaped liability for a transfer which was in fact for a purpose outside the powers entrusted to the board. The appeal on the Credit Suisse transactions should be dismissed.

Mr Maxwell also sought leave to appeal against the judge's order that he made a £500,000 interim payment in respect of damage to the company caused by the Credit Suisse misappropriations. The court had given leave.

His Lordship rejected submissions that there was insufficient evidence of the amount of damages, that the company might be able to get some of the money back from Credit Suisse and that the judge had given no or insufficient consideration to the evidence that Mr Maxwell could not pay the £500,000.

The defendant's lack of means was something to which the judge should have regard but it was not, as in the case of personal injury claims, a bar to the order.

Mr Justice Chadwick had said when he made the order on December 21 that if Mr Maxwell were to be bankrupted by having to pay £500,000 it would be better to find that out as soon as possible rather than after more expensive legal proceedings. That was a practical and sensible approach.

The judge might also have taken the view that bankruptcy proceedings might assist the company to discover exactly what assets Mr Maxwell did have, whether he had given any away and impose some control on his expenditure on legal fees. None of that would have been unreasonable. The second appeal should also be dismissed.

Lord Justice Leggatt agreed.

LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON said aspects of the case gave rise to concern.

A very large proportion of Mr Maxwell's assets was said to have been spent on legal costs. From the remaining assets of the company, sums had been spent seeking money which Mr Maxwell could not possibly pay.

It would have been much better if the application for summary judgment had been confined to the Credit Suisse transactions. That would have avoided added costs.

Solicitors: Kingsley Napley; Stephenson Harwood.

Terms for transfer of dairy quota

Regina v Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Ex parte Cox

Before Mr Justice Popplewell

[Judgment February 12]

Where there was a temporary transfer of part of an agricultural holding, the person to whom the holding had been transferred had to be operating the holding before becoming entitled to the transfer of the dairy quota.

Mr Justice Popplewell so held in the Queen's Bench Division on an application by Mrs Margaret Cox for judicial review of a notice of the intention of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to rescind the transfer of a 65,000-litre milk quota from Hamps Valley Farms Ltd to the applicant.

Article 5 of European Commission Regulation No 1371/84 (OJ 1984 L/312/11), provides: "1 Where an entire holding is sold, leased or transferred by inheritance, the corresponding reference quantity shall be transferred in full to the producer who takes over the holding.

"2 Where one of several parts of a holding is sold, leased or transferred by inheritance, the corresponding reference quantity shall be distributed among the producers operating the holding in proportion to the area used for milk production..."

Mr Paul Morgan, QC, for the applicant; Mr Peter Roth for the ministry.

MR JUSTICE POPPLEWELL said Mrs Cox was a farmer at Malpas in Cheshire who had bought a 65,000-litre milk quota from Hamps Valley Farms Ltd in Staffordshire.

The sale of the milk quota was linked to the grant of a grazing licence to the applicant over part of Hamps Valley Farms. In about October 1986 the Milk Marketing Board, acting as agent for the ministry, had registered that quota in the name of Mrs Cox.

She had not exercised the licence and Hamps Valley Farms had since entered into physical occupation of the land. On April 25, 1991 the ministry had written to the applicant giving notice of intention to revoke the quota registration.

His Lordship examined in detail the provisions of article 5 of European Commission Regulation 1371/84, as amended by Regulation 1043/85 (OJ 1985 L/112/18), and the Dairy Produce Quota Regulations (SI 1986 No 470). He concluded that article 5(2) of Commission Regulation 1371/84 was to be read as requiring the transferee to be operating the holding before he or she was entitled to the transfer of the dairy quota.

His Lordship accepted that on the principle in *Re 56 Denton Road Twickenham* ([1953] 1 Ch 51) there was no power in the minister to revoke the registration, which could not be altered in the absence of express statutory power.

Although it was open to the minister to alter the registration, in the circumstances it would be inequitable to deprive the applicant of her quota and oblige her to find a substantial sum to cover the additional levy for which she had become liable over the years.

Solicitors: Burges Salmon, Bristol; Solicitor, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Calculating pilot's overseas earnings relief

Leonard v Blanchard (Inspector of Taxes)

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Mann

[Judgment February 10]

For the purposes of calculating an international pilot's overseas earnings relief for his intermittent absences from the UK under the provisions of Schedule 7 to the Finance Act 1977, his emoluments attributable to duties performed outside the UK were to be calculated by apportioning his annual salary on a time basis, with a denominator of 365.

Moreover, his emoluments for the periods when he was not working could not by virtue of the words of exception in section 184(1) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 be treated as emoluments for duties performed outside the UK.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the taxpayer, Captain Dennis Leonard, from the judgment of Mr Justice Hoffmann (*The Times* November 29, 1991; [1992] STC 20), upholding the decision of Brighton general commissioners determining assessments to Schedule E income tax made on him for the years from 1978-79 to 1984-85. The provisions of the 1977 Act giving such relief were repealed by Schedule 23 of the Finance Act 1984.

Mr Giles Goodfellow for the taxpayer: Mr Timothy Brennan for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the taxpayer's case was that the words in paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 7 "the amount of the emoluments from the employment attributable to duties performed outside the United Kingdom" required the amount of emoluments attributable to periods when no duties were performed to be left out of account.

The correct denominator, it was said, was not 365, being the number of days in the year, but the total number of the days on which the taxpayer performed duties whether outside or within the UK.

That issue had been decided against the taxpayer in *Platten v Brown* ([1986] STC 514) and *Coxon v Williams* ([1988] STC 593). However, Mr Goodfellow submitted that those decisions merely followed the earlier decision of the Court of Appeal in *Varnham v Deeble* ([1985] STC 308), when the issue had not been decided.

Without subjecting *Varnham v Deeble* to minute analysis and viewing the question apart from authority, there was no ground for holding that the taxpayer's salary was payable on any basis other than that of 1/365th of the whole for each and every day of the year. The matter was put beyond doubt by the provisions of the Apportionment Act 1870.

The second issue that arose under the provisions of section 184(1) of the 1970 Act had been considered by Mr Justice Hoffmann and decided by him in favour of the Crown. In order to take advantage of the exception provided by that provision the taxpayer would have had to show that if on any day on which he was absent from his employment he had in reality been present, he would have performed duties outside the UK.

The exception was to be given a fairly narrow application and could not, as Mr Justice Hoffmann had held, apply to the emoluments received by the taxpayer under the terms of his contract in respect of his non-working periods.

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Mann gave concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Lawford & Co, Richmond upon Thames; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Confusion in hearing appeals on ancillary relief resolved

Marsh v Msh

Before Sir Sthen Brown, President, Lord Jtice Glidewell and Lord Justice Sughton

[Judgment Feuary 5]

Confusion as the conduct of a hearing of appeal from a district judg resulting from conflicting decions was resolved by the Court of appeal.

A Family Lision judge hearing an appeal om a district judge on an ancillar relief matter was not constraine by the Court of Appeal procedre. Throughout the hearing, the juge could exercise his discretion allowing the approach of Mr ustice Thorpe in *Lauerman v Lerman* ([1992] 1 WLR 734) wth endorsed the practice explaid by Lord Justice Ormrod in *G (formerly P) v P (Ancillary Relie Appeal)* ([1977] 1 WLR 1376).

The Court of ppeal so stated on allowing an appal on a preliminay point from an interlocutory decision of Judg Wroath at Portsmouth County Curt.

Mr Nicholas all, QC and Mr Richard Todd r the husband: Mr Barry Coulte for the wife.

THE PRESIENT, giving the judment of the curt, said that the distict judge hd ordered the husand after thedivorce to transfer o the wife he matrimonial hom subject to a charge in his favor of 25 per cnt.

In his notice of appeal the husband wished to call further evidence to show that the mortgage debt figure used by the district judge was wrong and that he had further debts. He also indicated that he wished to cross-examine his wife about her earnings.

At the hearing it was submitted on behalf of the wife that fresh evidence could not be adduced except on the same basis as that which the Court of Appeal considered the admission of fresh evidence: see *Merritt v Merritt* ([1992] 1 WLR 471).

However, there were conflicting decisions.

Mr Justice Thorpe had declined to follow that decision and had held that the court was not so confined. He had said in *Lauerman v Lauerman* that "there should manifestly remain a residual discretion to re-investigate areas of fact or to admit further evidence if the justice of the case seems to demand it".

Judge Wroath, on the invitation of counsel, had held that the appeal had to be heard in an appellate manner as ruled by Mrs Justice Bracewell in *Merritt*. So the matter had come to the Court of Appeal for an authoritative ruling.

The application which was the subject of the appeal to Judge Wroath was an application for ancillary relief and therefore rule 8.1(2) of the Family Proceedings Rules (SI 1991 No 1247) applied and was a final order within the provision of Order 37, rule 6 of the County Court Rules (SI 1981 No 1687 (L 20)).

In the view of the court, the approach of Mr Justice Thorpe was correct and that approach endorsed the practice explained by Lord Justice Ormrod in *G (formerly P) v P*.

It followed that the judge should exercise his own discretion but could give such weight as he thought fit to the manner in which the district judge had exercised his discretion.

No party was entitled as of right to adduce further evidence or oral evidence but the judge, in his discretion, could admit such further or oral evidence as he thought relevant and upon terms as he thought fit and was not bound by the rule expressed in *Ladd v Marshall* ([1954] 1 WLR 1489).

The structure of the Family Proceedings Rules 1991 showed that the Rules Committee intended to draw a distinction between appeals under rule 8.1(1) and 8.1(2). No party should have an unfettered right to begin entirely again *de novo* with a clean sheet but should be subject to the discretion of the judge as to the admission of further evidence and the re-opening of matters already determined by the district judge.

The appeal would be allowed and returned to the judge to proceed with the hearing in the light of the court's ruling.

Solicitors: Donnelly & Elliott, Gosport; Innes & Co, Portsmouth.

Job damages only for subordinates

Bowden v Northamptonshire Magistrates' Court Committee and Another

The entitlement to compensation for loss of a job, arising from the grouping of justices' clerkships under regulation 3 of the Justices of the Peace Act 1949 (Compensation) Regulations (SI 1978 No 1682), applied to justices' clerks and their assistants in a subordinate position and did not extend to a person holding the position of chief executive of the magistrates' courts committee.

Mr Justice Hutchison so held in the Queen's Bench Division on February 8 in dismissing an appeal by Julian Bowden, who had held the position of chief executive of the Northamptonshire Magistrates' Courts Committee, from a decision of an industrial tribunal that he was not entitled to compensation under the regulations following the amalgamation of two administrative areas as he was not a person "employed in assisting the holder" of the office of justices' clerk.

MR JUSTICE HUTCHISON said that he accepted that the context of the legislation showed that the object of the office had to be to provide assistance and that almost inevitably meant that the person concerned was a subordinate.

The legislation recognised a specific category of persons who were assistants to justices' clerks and regulation 3 had to be construed as referring to them and could not embrace a person holding the post which Mr Bowden held on the relevant date.

Employee's knowledge relevant

Tesco Stores Ltd v Brent London Borough Council

Before Lord Justice Staughton and Mr Justice Buckley

[Judgment February 8]

Where a company was charged under the Video Recordings Act 1984 with supplying a video to a person under the age specified in the classification, the knowledge and information of the employee who made the sale was relevant and could be imputed to the company.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, dismissing Tesco Stores Ltd's appeal by way of case stated against its conviction by Brent Justices on November 22, 1991 of supplying an 18 category film to a child aged 14, contrary to section 11(1) of the 1984 Act.

Mr Geoffrey Stephenson and Miss Morag Ellis for the company; Mr Andrew Hill for the council.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that the company had conceded that an offence under section 11 of the 1984 Act could be committed vicariously.

The question was whether the defence contained in section 11(2), that the accused neither knew nor had reasonable grounds to believe that the person had not attained that age, was concerned with the knowledge and information of the company by those who managed its affairs, or the knowledge and information of the employee who made the sale.

In his Lordship's judgment, it was absurd to suppose that those who managed a vast company had any knowledge or information as to the age of casual purchasers of video films.

It was the employee who sold the video at the checkout who had the knowledge or reasonable belief and it was his knowledge or reasonable belief that was relevant.

If it were otherwise, the statute would be wholly ineffective against companies, yet in section 16 Parliament had clearly contemplated that a company could commit the offence.

Mr Justice Buckley agreed.

Solicitors: Cartwrights, Bristol; Mr Roger J. Hamilton, Wembley.

Applying the doctrine of mutual wills

In re Estate of Monica Dale (deceased)

Proctor v Dale

Before Mr Justice Morritt

[Judgment February 11]

The doctrine of mutual wills was not to be confined to cases where the second testator to die benefited under the will of the testator who was first to die when the aim of the principle underlying the doctrine was to prevent the latter from being defrauded. It followed, therefore, that the doctrine was also to be applied to cases where the two testators had left their property to particular beneficiaries rather than each other.

Mr Justice Morritt so held in the Chancery Division when deciding a preliminary issue in favour of the plaintiff, Joan Margaret Proctor, in an action brought by her against the defendant, Alan Trevor Dale.

Mr Charles Machin for the plaintiff: Mr James Bonney for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE MORRITT said that the question raised by the preliminary issue was whether for the doctrine of mutual wills to apply it was necessary for the second testator who died to have obtained a personal, financial benefit under the will of the first to die.

On September 8, 1988 Mr Norman Dale and his wife, Mrs Monica Dale, each made a will the term of which were the same. After revoking all former wills and testamentary dispositions, the wills contained a bequest of all real and personal property in favour of the plaintiff and the defendant in equal shares or the survivor of them and appointed them as executors. The plaintiff and the defendant were, respectively, their daughter and son.

Mr Norman Dale died on November 9, 1988 without having altered or revoked his will. Probate of Mr Dale's will was granted to the plaintiff and the defendant on August 24, 1990. The value of his net estate was about £18,500.

On July 14, 1990 Mrs Monica Dale made a new will. She revoked all former wills and testamentary dispositions and appointed the defendant to be her executor. She bequeathed to the plaintiff the sum of £300 and gave and bequeathed to the defendant all the remainder of her property.

Mrs Dale died on November 30, 1990 and her will dated July 14, 1990 was proved by the defendant on June 30, 1992. The value of her net estate was about £19,000.

The writ in the action was issued on July 24, 1992. By her statement of claim, the plaintiff alleged that on or before September 5, 1988 Mr and Mrs Dale agreed with each other as to the disposition of their respective estates on their respective deaths, that such agreement was intended by both of them to be binding and irrevocable and that the wills dated September 1988 were made in pursuance of that agreement and in consideration of it.

It was claimed that on the death of Mr Dale, or on the grant of probate of his will, Mrs Dale became bound in equity to give effect to the agreement and to dispose of her estate pursuant to the terms of her will dated September 5, 1988 but that wrongfully and in breach of the agreement she revoked that will and left all her estate except £300 to the defendant.

The consequence, it was alleged, was that the defendant held the real and personal estate of Mrs Dale as trustee for the plaintiff and himself in equal shares.

The question of law directed to be tried as a preliminary issue appeared in the defence as follows: "Even were Mr and Mrs Dale to have executed their respective wills dated September 5, 1988 pursuant to and in consideration of the alleged agreement then these wills were and are incapable of existence as mutual wills in that by their wills Mr and Mrs Dale did not provide any benefit for the other so that Mrs Dale did not on the death of Mr Dale take any such benefit under his will with the result that there was not imposed on Mrs Dale any obligation enforceable by the plaintiff to distribute her estate in accordance with the alleged agreement."

By an order dated October 16, 1992 the question whether that paragraph constituted a good defence in law was directed to be tried as a preliminary issue before the trial of the other questions or issues in the action.

The doctrine of mutual wills was to the effect that where two individuals had agreed as to the disposal of their property and had executed mutual wills in pursuance of the agreement, on the death of the first testator (T1) the property of the surviving testator (T2), the subject matter of the agreement, was held on an implied trust for the beneficiary named in the wills.

The survivor could thereafter alter his will, because a will was inherently revocable, but if he did, his personal representatives would take the property subject to the trust. The basic doctrine was not in dispute.

His Lordship having concluded a survey of the authorities said that he answered the preliminary issue in the negative.

It was clear from the decision of Lord Camden in *Dufour v Pereira* ((1769) 1 Dick 419, 420) (in connection with which see also *Walpole v Orford* ((1797) 3 Ves 402, 417A-B) and *Hargrave's Juridical Arguments and Collections (1797-99)* (volume 2, 307A-B, 307B-311)) that there had to be a legally binding contract to make and not to revoke mutual wills and that T1 had died having performed his part of the agreement.

The basis of the doctrine was that "if the other then refuses, he is guilty of fraud, can never unbind himself, and becomes a trustee of course. For no man shall deceive another to his prejudice. By engaging to do something that is in his power, he is made a trustee for the performance, and transmits that trust to those who claim under him."

As all the cases showed, the doctrine applied when T2 benefited under the will of T1. It should not be any the less a fraud on T1 if the agreement was that each testator should leave his or her property to particular beneficiaries, for example their children rather than to each other.

It should be assumed that they had good reason for doing so and, in any event, that was what the parties bargained for. In each case there was a binding contract. In each case it had been performed by T1 on the faith of the promise of T2. And in each case T2 would have deceived T1 to the detriment of T1 if T2 were permitted to go back on his agreement.

A fraud on T1 would include cases where T2 benefited but there was no reason why the principle should be confined to such cases. So to hold was consistent with all the authorities, supported by some of them and was in furtherance of equity's original jurisdiction to intervene in cases of fraud.

Solicitors: Kidd Whitaker & Partners, Blackpool; Roland Robinsons & Fentons, Blackpool.

Correction

In *In re Kentish Homes Ltd (The Times* February 11) Mr Patrick Hamlin led Mr Benedict Patten for Tower Hamlets.

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'Yorkshire brass for Yorkshire business'

BY DEREK HARRIS

BARONESS Denton, the small firms minister, is holding meetings in her native Yorkshire this week to generate more development capital for small businesses. Banks and venture capitalists are among those taking part.

"I believe," Lady Denton said, "that regional finance could be a vital source of funds as the economy revives. Here, you might say it's a case of Yorkshire brass for Yorkshire business — and Humberside too — but there are other regions where local strengths could be brought to bear."

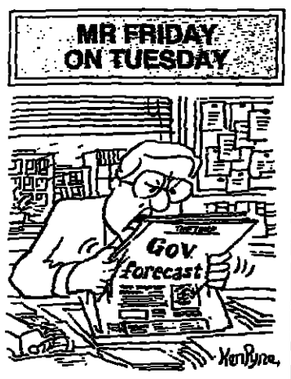
There is already some local funding in the East and West Midlands, and in the North West: these areas would be natural candidates.

The biggest proportion of venture capital funding — 52 per cent — goes to the South East, according to the British Venture Capital Association. The West Midlands receives 9 per cent, Yorkshire and Humberside 7 per cent and the South West 7 per cent.

Yorkshire and Humberside are notable for the amount of cash being made available to smaller businesses that might find it difficult to secure backing elsewhere. The recently launched Midland Enterprise Fund for the region has the Midland Bank as lead investor; other cash comes from regional pension funds and corporate sources. The aim is "small ticket" funding of up to £100,000. (Most venture capital providers cannot normally consider investments of less than £250,000.)

Midland Enterprise is one of several regional funds involving the bank. Yorkshire Enterprise, owned by six local authorities, manages another fund. This lends up to £250,000 and has occasionally put in as little as £50,000.

Peter Claydon, commercial director at Yorkshire Enterprise, says: "We may be better structured and more effective in investing in smaller businesses in this region, but I suspect there is more demand than can be met at present."



"So far, I've had one recession and eight recoveries"

Lasers cut through recession

BY CHRISTOPHER BROWNE

A SMALL Hertfordshire company has cut its way through to success with showbiz-style lasers. In the past two years, the Definitive Laser Company has put on shows at such events as a royal wedding in Abu Dhabi, a G7 summit reception at Buckingham Palace and a circus in the South of France.

The company was launched early in 1990 and the first few months were a struggle, says Andrew Wheeler, a partner. The first contract was for a light show at a party for Richard Branson's Virgin group.

Mr Wheeler and his three partners, Lorraine Ludlam, Stephen Hitchins and Gerald Leitch, thought of going it alone while on holiday. Three of them had worked for another laser company. "We knew that, despite the recession, there was a lot of work around for laser companies, so we decided to take the plunge," Mr Wheeler says.

The partners bought a 5,000 sq ft unit in a business park at Welham Green, near Hatfield. Finance of £170,000 was supplied by Mr Hitchins, who had run a property company. Equipment was the biggest outlay, for the average laser costs £60,000.

"We did a direct mailing campaign and faxed big firms and prominent individuals, many of whom were recommended to us by the DTI," Miss Ludlam says.

During the first year, the partners developed their own key areas. Miss Ludlam in marketing, Mr Leitch designing events and maintaining equipment, Mr Wheeler handling sales and programming computer-controlled shows, and Mr Hitchins running the company as managing director.

After 18 months, Definitive Laser took on its first employee to help with production; later, a secretary and a second production assistant were recruited. As part of its low-overheads philosophy, the company began using a pool of 15 freelances to help mount bigger shows.

"The pleasure of our work is its diversity," Miss Ludlam says. "One week we are running a show for thousands of Hell's Angels, then we might do a roadshow for a new Woolworths toy range, with an animated film about a wicked wizard, or fly out to help with an air show in Dubai."

In its second year, Definitive Laser's business began to swell and turnover exceeded £500,000. Today, the company gains more than half its business from recommendations.

"We find companies use laser shows for conferences and product launches during the recession to aid their recovery," Miss Ludlam says. "Sometimes we have to work fast, for they often don't commit themselves until the last minute, when they know whether they have enough left in the budget."

MARC ASPLAND



Beaming smile: Lorraine Ludlam says the pleasure of Definitive Laser's work lies in its diversity

BRIEFINGS

Hertfordshire Training and Enterprise Council (TEC) is one of 57 TECs that have applied to launch one of the 15 pilot "one-stop shops" for business advice and help that the trade department wants to expand nationwide. Herts TEC is already concentrating help at a central business centre, due to open in the summer. If the TEC is chosen for a one-stop pilot shop it would be able to afford to add small satellite centres around the county. The new business centre will have a business library, conference and training facilities and offer counselling. It will be open seven days a week and outside normal hours.

☐ A Midlands engineering forum aimed at helping small and medium-sized engineering companies to maintain a competitive edge will be held on March 18, in Birmingham. It is free of charge and will focus on "best practice" approaches to innovation and staff development and training. Places can be reserved through the Engineering Council, 10 Maltravers Street, London WC2R 3ER.

☐ Green shoots with a difference have been spotted by Intalink, the invention sales company based in London. It links inventors with companies or other inventors aiming to develop and market new ideas. Richard Paine, Intalink's chairman, says the company has licensed more products six weeks this year than in the equivalent periods of the past two years.

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Four *Times* critics recall some of the more remarkable artistic responses to the Passion story

Greatest story ever retold

This week, in a London church, Jonathan Miller stages his "dramatisation" of J.S. Bach's *St Matthew Passion*. He is the latest in a long line of artists, composers, playwrights, directors and film-makers who have been drawn to the story of Christ's trial and Crucifixion. Many of the most visionary interpretations of the subject have come from artists who have approached the Gospels from a non-Christian, or even from an anti-religious, perspective.



The Crucifixion, a shocking and eccentric approach to the subject by Stanley Spencer: even today, 35 years after it was painted, this is a uniquely disturbing picture

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MUSIC

After Bach's St Matthew and St John Passion settings, can anything else be said, in musical terms, about Christ's Crucifixion? There must be room for doubt when such a great composer as Beethoven makes a monumental hash of the same subject (in *Christ On The Mount Of Olives*), and when other major classical and romantic composers steer cautiously away from competing directly with the Leipzig cantor. Elgar, in his oratorio, *The Apostles*, depicts nearly ever scene *except* the actual Crucifixion (he found it "too painful", he said). Haydn evoked a Crucifixion majestically in *The Seven Last Words*. But significantly, these were originally conceived entirely for orchestra, so his imagination was freed of the responsibility of setting the actual Gospel words. Similarly, in his choral version of the Latin poem, *Stabat Mater*, that master dramatist, Verdi, also depicted the scene on Calvary superbly without setting the story as such.

Yet in our own century, composers have suddenly rediscovered the potential of the story. Two broad approaches can be identified. The first treats the story with an almost masochistic denial of self-expression: consider Arvo Pärt's astonishingly austere, minimalist setting of the St John Passion, or Frank Martin's severe, plainsong-based *Golgotha*.

The other, more sensational approach uses the Passion story — or at least Crucifixion imagery — as a vehicle for a highly personal agenda that may have little to do with conventional Christianity.

Take Sir Michael Tippett's great wartime oratorio, *A Child Of Our Time*. In the sense that it throws in dozens of audible musical references to Bach's Passions and Handel's *Messiah*, it is a "tradition-based" work. But Christ as scapegoat is transformed here into a boy persecuted by the Nazis, and in place of Bach's congregational chorales are Tippett's emotive settings of Negro spirituals (reflecting on both Jews and blacks as persecuted races). Finally, instead of holding out the promise of life eternal, Tippett's oratorio offers the Jungian notion of psychic rebirth. The work is indeed a "child of its time"; such is the power of Tippett's music, however, that it has successfully out-lived those specific 1940s preoccupations.

Other intriguing Crucifixion interpretations have been less lucky. Martinu's last opera, *A Greek Passion*, is too rarely seen. Based on Nikos Kazantzakis's novel, *Christ Recrucified*, it subtly observes how Greek villagers, performing a Passion Play, gradually acquire the characteristics of the roles they are portraying, until the "Judas" kills the "Christ".

And it is time that Sir Arthur Bliss's powerful 1944 ballet, *Miracle In The Gorbals* (written for Robert Helpmann, it relocates the Gospel story in the slums of Glasgow) was revived, particularly as the Crucifixion story has since exerted such a pull on the imagination of dance-makers. John Neumeier's huge ballet version of Bach's *St Matthew Passion* has been in the repertoire of the Hamburg Ballet for more than a decade. At the Edinburgh Festival a few years back, a Hungarian Crucifixion ballet called *Proba* (meaning both "trial" and "rehearsal") caused controversy, with graphic violence and a rape as a Christ-like leader of a dance company is "crucified" by Fascist thugs; much the same territory was covered last year by Sir Kenneth MacMillan in *The Judas Tree* (his last work for the Royal Ballet and still in the repertoire). Next month, moreover, Maurice Béjart brings a new ballet called *Crucifixion* to Sadler's Wells.

On the other hand, some treatments of the Passion story should be forever banished to a green hill far away. A musical called *Godspell* harnessed St Matthew's words to the aesthetic and emotional profundity of *Playschool*; it made its authors a fortune, but fatuous is too kind an adjective for it. And Penderecki's *St Luke Passion*, once considered the *dernier cri* of avant-garde microtonality, now sounds like a self-indulgent mess: a shock-tactic pseudo-blasphemy devised by an incorrigible attention-seeker. Why were we ever taken in?

RICHARD MORRISON

● *Jonathan Miller's staging of The St Matthew Passion runs nightly from Thursday to Sunday, at Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Square, London SW1 (071-730 1745).*

VISUAL ART

Of all parts of the Gospel story, the Passion seems to have appealed least to contemporary painters, perhaps for the very reasons that it appealed particularly to earlier, more faithful generations. It is the most difficult subject for ironic distance, the part which most unarguably, and even unreligiously, exacts fearful reverence. Nevertheless some recent artists have been ready to face the challenge of reinterpretation. At present in Paris, the Musée Picasso has a whole exhibition on the subject, "The Crucified Body From Picasso to Saura".

Despite the venue and title, the supreme 20th-century master seems to have felt little more than a passing interest, although a tiny Crucifixion of 1930 proves a milestone on the way to *Guernica*. But, unexpectedly for a French exhibition, British artists bulk significantly, with at least two major works, Sutherland's 1946 Crucifixion and Bacon's original version of *Three Studies For Figures At the Base of a Crucifixion* (1944), from the Tate, a subject which so fascinated the painter that, shortly before his death, he painted a whole new version of the same composition. Both of these works must be closely related to the sufferings of the war years, and both take the most physically agonising view of their subject: the Sutherland overtly calling on Grünewald's tortured, torturing image; the Bacon perhaps doing the same less explicitly — it only tackles the central drama of the Crucifixion indirectly.

Few other 20th-century artists have matched Sutherland and Bacon for intensity of response. Perhaps the best-known 20th-century painting of the Crucifixion is Dali's *Christ of St John on the Cross* in Glasgow Art Gallery. Though in its time (1951) it provoked controversy, that had more to do with Dali's reputation for outrageousness than with any hint of sacrilege in the work itself, which fits all too readily into a rather anaemic tradition of glossily unexceptionable religious art. Its only peculiarity is that it presents the cross from above, a sort of God's-eye view, and even that Dali justified with a precedent from the hand of St John of the Cross himself, a drawing of his vision.

Not surprisingly, Stanley Spencer had his own eccentric viewpoint. His cross is wedged across Cookham High Street "like a crashed airliner". Spencer said, and the tormentors of Christ are evincing such unseemly glee that the first spectators were shocked. Even today, 35 years after it was painted, this remains a uniquely disturbing picture. And still artists are irresistibly drawn: latest, the Anglo-Argentine Ricardo Cinalli, whose major retrospective opens today at the Accademia Italiana. His new altar piece for a south London church features a fragmented body hung from an invisible cross, seen from behind. Is this the first time Christ's back has been shown in a Crucifixion? It may be, though with a subject as endlessly interpreted and reinterpreted, it is hard to say for sure.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

Cutting through the fog of piety in order to see the Gospel drama afresh: a scene from Pier Paolo Pasolini's film version of *The Gospel According to St Matthew*

CINEMA

Anything is possible when cinema grabs hold of an established text: *Romeo and Juliet* has recently been filmed with a cast of live cats. Yet when faced with the Gospel narrative, film directors tend to shrink away or show unaccustomed restraint. Unless they are card-carrying anarchists such as Buñuel, whose films abound with blasphemous images, they do not openly seek to offend. Entertain, maybe. Cecil B. De Mille led the way in his 1920s epics, though *The Ten Commandments*, full of Old Testament sins and miracles, was noticeably livelier than the pious Gospel tableaux of *The King of Kings*.

Cinema latched onto the Gospel story very early. By 1897, at least two Passion Play performances had been partially filmed and given public presentation with Bible readings and lantern-slides. They gave the fledgling medium dignity. But by the 1910s, audiences were bored with being uplifted. If they had to get religion, they wanted it dressed up in spectacle. In 1912 the Italians unleashed *Quo Vadis?*. Rome burnt a treat, and lots of early Christians were fed to the lions. Hollywood soon took over the tradition.

Yet even Hollywood reined in its imagination when faced with the Gospel, and trod rarely and carefully: there were too many religious groups waiting for an opportunity to complain. By the time of the 1960s, Gospel films had become as tame as George Stevens's *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, a Holy Land calendar in celluloid form, punctured with unfortunate star cameos: "Truly, this man was the Son of God," John Wayne's Centurion rasped.

Then a new breeze blew. Pier Paolo Pasolini, a Catholic and Marxist, made *The Gospel According to St Matthew*. Using amateur actors, a realist style, and a music track ranging from Bach to spirituals, Pasolini cut through the fog of piety and saw the Gospel drama afresh. This Christ, played by Enrique Irazoqui, was a toiler in the fields, a man of the workers, inflamed by social injustice. The miracles came with no trumpets or halos; one swift cut, and the leper was cured.

Since then, *Godspell* and *Jesus Christ Superstar* passed from stage to screen, while Monty Python served up their *Life of Brian* (more schoolboy romp than pointed satire). But very few serious attempts have been made to rethink the Gospel for the cinema.

Martin Scorsese tried hard with *The Last Temptation of Christ* in 1988, a valiant, stylistically jumbled version of Nikos Kazantzakis's novel, with Willem Dafoe as an anguished Jesus battling between the flesh and the spirit. The hot air and outrage that greeted the film gives one good reason why directors and their financiers continue to fight shy of the greatest story ever told.

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THEATRE

On the stage Jesus comes in three styles: old, new (with added relevance) and in disguise. Sheila Kaye-Smith, a novelist obsessed with her native Sussex, seems to have been the first English writer to take the action away from Judaea. In *The Child Born at the Plough* (1927) the shepherds are waiting in the marshes between Rye and Winchelsea for the Christmas lambing. The Plough is a public house, Herod the local squire and Salome a flapper.

The Shepherd of Lattenden treats the Passion with a similar disrespect for geography. The Shepherd is an unordained preacher whose followers are becoming troublesome; the local mayor hesitates before sentencing him and the agony of Gethsemane takes place in a hop garden. I cannot report on the quality of these church productions but my source implies that they contained faults.

After censorship was abolished in 1968, a mere quarter century ago, Jesus could be represented on stage in public theatres. Tim Rice's glam-rock Herod says to Superstar, who wears the usual white nightie, "Prove to me you're no fool — walk across my swimming pool." For *Godspell* Jesus wore football pants, and the parables were sung and acted in a multitude of circus routines, with Jeremy Irons as a huckster John the Baptist. Very exhilarating it was, as I remember, though clueless when harder nuggets of Christian doctrine threatened to come along.

A playwright who tries to give weight in a modern setting will naturally create a grimmer drama. For instance, Emanou, the 33-year-old hero of Arrabal's *The Car Cemetery*, leaves his father's carpentry shop to play his trumpet so that poor people can dance. Everyone lives in a heap of wrecked cars, with a prostitute on hand, but after eating a meal of almonds Emanou is betrayed by a comrade and crucified on a bicycle.

This is a modest, even touching play, though not a very good one. But it is a masterpiece when set against two lamentable successes of 90 years ago. In *The Servant of the House*, by one Charles Kennedy, a mysterious stranger named Manson — i.e. Son (of) Man — becomes a butler in a vicar's household, reconciles him to his erring brother and cleans up the smelly drains under the church. As the curtain falls four characters join hands, forming a cross.

Jerome K. Jerome, better known for *Three Men in a Boat*, was the author of the other "mysterious stranger" play: *The Passing of the Third Floor Back*, where a lodger in a Bloomsbury boarding house changes the hearts of the other residents and departs through a door filled with supernatural radiance. Max Beerbohm, then writing for the *Saturday Review*, came back from his summer hols and lashed the play for its "twaddle and vulgarity". Unfortunately, it ran for months and triumphed in America. Beerbohm sourly observed: "Well, I suppose blasphemy pays."

JEREMY KINGSTON

LONDON

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Citizens, Gorbals (041-429 0022). Tonight-Sun, 7.30pm; some 9.45pm performances of *The Wasp Factory*.

GLASGOW: Glasgow hosts **New Moves**, a dance festival designed to showcase British talent and look at some of the new directions being taken by European dancemakers. Artists from Holland, Switzerland, Germany, France, Spain and Turkey are taking part in the festival at various venues between now and the end of March.
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◧ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND**: Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done.
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Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 135mins.

◧ **KING LEAR**: Solid, respectable performance by Tom Wilkinson in a low-powered staging by Max Stafford-Clark. With Saskia Reeves, Hugh Ross.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 195mins.

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Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

◧ **OUR SONG**: Peter O'Toole in Keith Waterhouse's play about a menopausal male's infatuation with a young woman. Neatly done though we only hear the man's point of view.
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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

JIT Lively romantic fantasy from Zimbabwe, with a polished amateur cast and vibrant pop music. Writer-director, Michael Raeburn.
ICA (071-930 3647)

THE LIVING END (18): HIV-positive road movie from American independent Gregg Araki. Insolent and powerful. With Mike Dytri and Craig Gilmore.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) **Everyman** (071-435 1525)

OLIVIER OLIVIER (15): Teenager missing for six years returns home: but is it him? Fascinating story, but prosaic treatment by director Agnieszka Holland.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470)

SHADOWS AND FOG (15): Woody Allen's technically dazzling but indulgent homage to German Expressionist cinema. With Mia Farrow, John Malkovich, and, very briefly, Madonna.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

◆ **STAY TUNED** (PG): Couch potato makes Faustian bargain and gets sucked into a TV hell. Juvenile satire with stray chuckles. Stars John Ritter. Director, Peter Hyams.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CURRENT

◆ **BRAM STOKER'S DRACULA** (18): Gary Oldman as the Transylvanian legend, preying on Victorian London. Visually audacious, but cold to the touch. Francis Coppola directs. With Keanu Reeves, Winona Ryder.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CHAPLIN (12): A skilled impersonation by Robert Downey Jr, but Richard Attenborough's bitty biographical epic never penetrates far inside the man or his career. Stars Dan Aykroyd, Geraldine Chaplin, Anthony Hopkins.
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◆ **DAMAGE** (18): MP Jeremy Irons pursues destructive affair with his own son's fiancée (Juliette Binoche). Riveting version of Josephine Hart's novel, coolly directed by Louis Malle.
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◆ **HONEY, I BLEW UP THE KID** (U): Amiable, inoffensive *I Shrunk the Kids* sequel, with Rick Moranis as the accident-prone dad with a 100-feet-tall tot who heads for Las Vegas. Director, Randal Kleiser.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

L.627 (15): The Paris police drugs squad's daily routine: stake-outs, violence, paperwork. Vividly filmed by Bertrand Tavernier, though too long for its material. Starring Didier Bezace, Nils Tavernier.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ **RESERVOIR DOGS** (18): A jewel robbery goes haywire. Quirky tale of betrayal, loyalty and violence from bright new talent Quentin Tarantino. Stars Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth and Steve Buscemi.
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SHERLOCK JUNIOR (U): Projectionist Buster Keaton dreams himself into the film being screened. Gloriously inventive silent comedy (1924), revived in a sepia print.
Barbican (071-638 8891).

SWEET EMMA, DEAR BOBE (18): István Szabó's piercing portrait of disordered life in post-communist Budapest: his best film in years; strong performance from Johanna Ter Steege and Enikö Borcsak.
Metro (071-437 0757)

ROCK: **John Street** appreciates the party atmosphere generated at a show by the Saw Doctors

Casual charmers keep it upbeat



A night with the boys? The Saw Doctors, one of Ireland's most popular groups, have songwriting skills that make the ordinary sound special

The Saw Doctors
UEA, Norwich

A CONCERT by the Saw Doctors is like a night in the pub with the boys. The talk, as with their lyrics, is of football, music and girls, past exploits and present frustrations; there is beery sentimentality and cheerful conviviality. And dressed in their casual working clothes, the band would not stand out in the snug. Their success is a mark of the skill with which they have made the ordinary sound special.

It is a remarkable success too. Not only are they one of Ireland's most popular groups, but they also seem to find devoted audiences wherever they tour. It is easy to see why. They display an apparently inexhaustible desire to have a good time, and they express this in a show which is littered with songs designed to charm.

On a University of East Anglia stage decorated like an adventure playground with its tyres and rope ladders, the Saw Doctors romped through their set. Sometimes the combination of saxophone, accordion and guitar recalled an Irish showband, as with "Why Do I Always Want You?". At others, there were echoes of punk, filtered through Beatles pop and Bruce Springsteen rock 'n' roll, as with "N17" and "Wake Up Sleeping", their first and latest singles.

Davy Carton's voice, together with Leo Moran's twanging guitar lines, form the focus of the show. This is not just because these two write most of the songs, it is that they hold the key to the Saw Doctors' crafty formula. The band offer huge doses of nostalgia tinged with regret. Carton's strong, passionate singing represents the disappointment at past mistakes (whether the missed goal or the lost love) while Moran's guitar offers cheery consolation. The title of one song, "Exhilarating Sadness", exactly captures their method, which is superbly applied by the rest of the group.

It seems churlish to complain at so much well-crafted pop and so much good-natured pleasure, but they did prompt an appetite for some mean-spirited bitterness — I could have done with a little less of the pub and a bit more of the hangover.

CONCERTS: Fog-bound French music, Beethoven coupled with Bartók and a muddle over Monteverdi

Lost in translation

BBC SO/Lazarev
Festival Hall/Radio 3

SHADES of grey: from the canvases of Turner and the Impressionists, they inspired Debussy to create his own musical "Nuages" in his orchestral *Nocturnes*, and they hung heavy both outside and inside the Festival Hall last Friday night.

Some of the smog which was busy recreating Monet's view of Westminster along the Embankment had infiltrated both the sickly audience and, it seemed, the ranks of the BBC Symphony Orchestra. Either that, or else Alexander Lazarev, principal guest conductor, was simply not the man to make the French Connection.

For once, in the series, the programme was of exclusively French music; for once, it sounded uninspired and under-rehearsed. Dutilleux's *Timbres, Espace, Mouvement* got by, though radio listeners, with their closer, adjusted focus, might have experienced more of the "intense pulsation", the "terribles passions humaines" to which Dutilleux responded in Van Gogh's *Starry Night* than did the Festival Hall. I hope so.

Dmitri Alexeev, with characteristic fullness of tone and strong rhythmic sense, brought sharper focus to Ravel's Piano Concerto in G. Orchestral balance and ensemble, though, left much to be desired. And, although Alexeev's octaves bit deep into the toccata-like passages of the first movement, he plodded through the Adagio.

It seemed strange that such an accomplished Chopin player should fail to create the central movement's picture of sound dropping into silence and being buoyed up by it. As accompanist and jazz player he was happier as the concerto progressed.

So, it seemed, was the orchestra after the interval. The players created, as if on autopilot, the shifting distances of divided strings and wind soloists, though the BBC Symphony Chorus started their Siren song with a rough moment or two. Neither did they seem to know when to stand up as Pantomime turned to General Dance in Ravel's *Daphnis and Chloe* Suite No 2. Their wild vocalise was worth the wait, though, and so, after something of an edgy evening, was David Butt's pungent flute solo in the Pantomime.

HILARY FINCH

Eventually, all was well

LSO/Nagano
Barbican

IF THE unintentionally spread chords in the cadences which introduce Beethoven's First Symphony were any indication, we seemed set for one of those concerts where nothing quite works as it should, where, in spite of everybody's best efforts, the results are frayed like a slightly over-used dishcloth. What followed was not as bad as that: The London Symphony Orchestra quickly settled into their stride, and Kent Nagano, setting lively speeds and directing with wit and lightness, balanced things with elegant care.

Yet still this reading lacked charm and colour. Perhaps we have grown so accustomed to the wholesale re-examinations and the daredevil risks of the likes of Harnoncourt or Norrington that solidity and reliability are no longer enough. More dramatic contrasts of dynamic, and more clearly defined articulation of phrases, would have greatly improved the impact of the Menuetto, for instance: this was a fairly revolutionary movement for its time, a Scherzo in all but name, and we still need to be surprised by it.

Next there was the same composer's First Piano Concerto, with that affable giant Emanuel Ax as the soloist. Ax is a fine player; he combines a natural agility with a lovely, resonant tone that suits this music's Mozartian qualities well.

I liked the mellifluousness of his reading of the slow movement (garnished with some beautiful clarinet playing from Nicholas Rodwell) and the spirited attack in that offbeat whirligig of a finale; and there was also a pleasing majesty in his playing of the enormous first movement cadenza. The orchestral texture could have been a touch more transparent in places (something else that period-style performances have given us), and once more this was not a reading to take the breath away with its new revelations. But it was purposeful and strongly formed.

Partnering all this with Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra seemed a slightly odd idea; presumably the philosophy behind the programming was one of asking not why but why not. In any case, the Bartók is a work that suits Nagano down to the ground, and he engineered a fine performance from an orchestra which has lately enjoyed some good form. Crucially, he maintained the music's sense of symphonic substance rather than playing the easier hand of presenting it simply as a showpiece; and that is the mark of a real musician.

STEPHEN PETTITT

To stage or not to stage

NLC/Pickett
Queen Elizabeth Hall

WITH its graphic musical depiction of galloping horses and mortal combat, Monteverdi's *Combattimento di Tancredi e Clorinda* is an incipient musical drama dating from over two centuries before Wagner. It is not in truth "operatic" in the conventional sense: the protagonists have little to say for themselves — almost the entire action being described by a narrator.

But Monteverdi envisaged the possibility of a theatrical presentation, and the stage seemed to be set for one, when Philip Pickett and his New London Consort presented it with the same composer's ballets *Tirsi e Chlori* and *Il ballo delle ingrate*.

His Tancredi and Clorinda (Andrew King and Catherine Bott) were, however, neither costumed nor armed as suggested by Monteverdi; nor did they make the steps and gestures advocated by the composer. They stood side by side with the narrator (John Mark Ainsley), whose beautiful arioso and Italian diction were beyond praise.

Regrettably they could only have been fully appreciated by a handful of initiates since not only were the houselights dimmed, preventing any following of the translation, but neither was any synopsis provided. With neither action nor the vernacular text to elucidate, we were left in the dark in more ways than one.

To add insult to injury, the lights remained dimmed while the stage was set for *Tirsi e Chlori* preventing anybody from peeking at the translation in advance (again no summary of the action was provided).

This time the instrumentalists were arranged in a semi-circle, enclosing the singers. The arrangement obliged Pickett to stand with his back to a third of them, but the ensemble of the New London Consort was not affected.

Allowed a little more scope by this piece, King and Bott sang with a sympathetic feel for the style. The ballet element was provided, as in *Il ballo delle ingrate*, by Jane Gingell's timedance. The choreography was particularly expressive in the latter work, where, in the final lamentation, music, text and action enhanced each other for the first and only time.

Bott and Tessa Bonner (still uncostumed) were the leading female vocalists here, with Michael George a fearsomely commanding Pluto. The standard of music-making in all three works was always of the highest. But indecision as to whether they were concert performances or a staging detracted from the overall impression.

BARRY MILLINGTON

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Are we staying away from museums that charge admission? **Alison Roberts** investigates

The lights of the charge brigade

The crowds of noisy schoolchildren in uniform green and grey lend the Science Museum in South Kensington a friendly, if frenetic, air on a weekday morning. Clipboards appear to be obligatory. Other visitors slip past, approach the front desk, pick up a leaflet and pay the admission charge. Wallets and purses *are* obligatory.

The museum looks packed, but, according to a recent *Social Trends* report, the number of people visiting has radically declined. The report draws an obvious conclusion when it says: "The number of people coming to the Science Museum nearly halved between 1988 and 1990 — the museum started charging in 1989".

To charge or not to charge: the debate has now reached a crucial stage. Of the 13 national museums in London, seven charge entry fees and six do not. Now we can judge for ourselves what has been the effect of several years of admission fees on the public's eagerness to visit museums.

Figures quoted in the recent report show that attendances at the Science Museum have dropped from 3.8 million in 1981 to 1.3 million in 1991; the Natural History Museum, which introduced a charge in 1987, has lost a similar chunk of customers — from 3.7 million to 1.6 million.

Is it an over-simplification to say that fees are to blame for this drop in attendances? Do members of the public still encounter a psychological barrier, physically represented by a turnstile and a list of charges, when asked to pay?

The six non-charging museums are seeing visitors increase almost daily. The Tate Gallery doubled its intake between 1981 and 1991, according to the *Social Trends* report, as did the British Museum; the National Gallery saw a rise of 1.6 million.

The directors of both the Natural History Museum and the Science Museum are quick to point out that 1981 figures are bound to be incorrect: visitors were counted by people with clickers at the door (as they still are at the Tate) and took no account of rowdy schoolchildren coming in and out, of students entering to buy books or of people who used the restaurant but did not view the exhibitions.

Numbers were certainly exaggerated, they contend. Research by the Natural History Museum suggests that previous estimates were as much as 25 per cent too high.

As Dr Neil Cossons, director of the Science Museum, says, when he knows he has taken money from 11,000 people on a good day he considers shutting the doors because the place becomes too packed. "Looking back at the time before proper counting, we were recording attendance figures of 19,000 or even 23,000 which is just incredible and impossible," he adds.

But some sort of fall in numbers — of up to 40 per cent — is undeniable and accepted by the museums which have imposed admission charges. So do they regret their decision, made of necessity, but with the inherent disadvantages to accessibility?

> 'Non-charging museums see visitor numbers that increase almost daily'

And what of the ethical questions which surround the practice of paying to view national collections? This becomes an increasingly important consideration as the financially-strapped galleries and museums that currently do not levy admission charges must be tempted to follow those which do.

Lord St John of Fawsley, chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission and arts minister in 1974 when compulsory admission charges were briefly introduced, now says that admission to museums and galleries should be free as a matter of principle. "The museums were intended as part of the whole educational process," he explains. "We do not charge for education and we should not charge for museums and galleries. We must simply find the extra money for them."

The York City Gallery makes an interesting case study: it began to charge a very nominal fee in 1980, saw the gallery quickly empty and, under directions from a new, Labour-controlled council, revoked the charges some years later and watched the numbers climb again.

But a report prepared by four charging museums (the Imperial War, National Maritime, Science and Natural History museums) says that the directors firmly believe the advantages of charging "significantly outweigh the disbenefits", and that they could not do without the additional money in any event.

They say that longer opening hours, refurbished galleries and education programmes are all funded with admissions money. The policy generated almost £31.5 million in revenue during the eight-year period from 1984 to 1992 across the four institutions. HMS Belfast, the Cabinet War Rooms, and Duxford Airfield — all under the direction of the Imperial War Museum — would probably close if admissions money did not exist.

Both Cossons and Dr Neil Chalmers, director of the Natural History Museum, say that the quality of customer care is improved by fee-charging. Chalmers points out that the public expects more from a museum now than it did in the past: people want the exhibits to be presented in a more sophisticated way. "If admission charges were to be abolished we would require a guarantee of equivalent state funding, and that would have to be inflation-proofed," Chalmers adds.

When the public's right to free entry to a national collection is mentioned, the charging directors point to their daily free period of one and a half hours. And the buzz phrase used by the fees enthusiasts has always been "socially sensitive". The South Kensington museums, excluding the Victoria and Albert which asks for a voluntary donation, charge on a staggered, "socially sensitive" scale: at the Natural History Museum the full rate is £4, five to 15-year-olds pay £2 and the concession price is £2.30. The museum says that the social mix of visitors has not changed.

But Lord St John's point of view is still echoed by those who run the Tate and the British Museum. At the former, "education and access" demand free entrance, according to a spokesman. "People leave works of art to the gallery on the understanding that they will be there for people to see free of charge."

And at the British Museum, where the search for additional money is constant, the pledge to keep entrance to the main galleries free remains secure. Andrew Hamilton, a BM spokesman, says that international institutions like the BM have a duty to keep doors open to "all and sundry". The gallery and museum fraternity are a close-knit lot, however, and none of the non-chargers will comment on the decision to enforce payment made by their peers.

All 13 of the nationally-funded museums in London appear to be sticking to their respective anti- and pro-charging positions. In an ideal world all agree that fees would not be necessary, but the division between those who believe that the public is better served by spending ticket money on exhibitions, and those who think it fairer to keep admission free, remains. At the moment, you pays your money and you takes your choice.

PETER TREVNOR



Satisfied customers? One of the exhibits at the Science Museum, which does charge an entrance fee, draws a fascinated audience

TELEVISION

A funny business, language

How things change. It seems like only the other day that Nigel Planer was the terminally drippy Neil in *The Young Ones*, perpetually put upon by Rik Mayall and Adrian Edmondson, an unreconstructed hippie (his remake of Traffic's "Hole in My Shoe" went to No 1). Now here he is in **Bonjour La Classe** (BBC 1, last night) as Laurence Didcot, a terminally drippy French teacher at an improbably nice school called The Manor, not so much put upon as accident prone. His physical ineptness and talent for faux-pas make Michael Crawford's Frank Spencer look like a successful career diplomat, and in comparison with *this* holy fool. Joyce Grenfell's silly-ass Miss Gossage in the St Trinian's films was a Mata Hari.

So complete is his innocence and gaucherie that an eventual romance with drama teacher Harriet Humphrey (Victoria Carling) is surely inevitable. She and the rest of the supporting cast of established thesps, including Nicholas Woodeson, Timothy Bateson, Robert Gillespie, David Troughton and Peter Woodthorpe, should give Planer some competition in the course of this six-part comedy series, which was written by Paul Smith and Terry Kyan and directed by John Henderson.

An opted-out, fee-paying, upmarket contrast to the Fenn Street school in *Please Sir*, the last prime-time school comedy series I can recall, The Manor boasts the sort of well-behaved, impeccably uniformed pupils that are only to be encountered in fiction. Even the one problem child, Adam Huntley (Bryan Dick), is able to articulate convincingly the reasons for his delinquence: boredom with a lazy teacher's classes.

Viewers whose own children are sharing books in classes of 30 or more, and whose main concern over their education is whether they will learn to read and write before they are due to join the dole queue, will look upon this show as an exercise in surrealism quite as preposterous as *Star Trek*, *Come Dancing* or *Gardeners' World*. Any resistance on their part to its good-natured humour would be lessened if the intrusive and unconvincing studio audience laughter were removed from the soundtrack.

The incidental music, including last night "Colonies de Vacances" and "Dominique", is apposite. Perhaps, by the end of the series, we will have Planer and Carling essaying a version of "Je T'Aime, Moi Non Plus"?

First-class performances carried an obvious and flimsily-plotted opening episode, as if to proclaim: these characters may be stereotypes, but by golly they are the best stereotypes your licence money can buy. The relationship between Woodeson, as the outwardly smarmy headmaster, and Polly Adams, as the totally capable, drily witty school secretary, looks promising, but the bursar (Bateson) is as yet too obvious a clone from Fenn Street's caretaker to make a fresh impact. Woodthorpe's senior French master (where *does* the school get all the money?) is in many ways a dyspeptic echo of *Drop the Dead Donkey*'s old newsreader, Henry; and Gillespie's bitchy music master is presumably intended to be amusingly effete. Such cavils aside, if subsequent scripts can aim even only slightly higher, the series looks like a winner.

TONY PATRICK

Swan sings with a Russian accent

TONY WHITE



Raissa Struchkova and Alexis Manuel (in costume as Von Rothbart) during rehearsals for English National Ballet's Swan Lake

A former Bolshoi Ballet star has helped English National Ballet create a 'traditional' new production of *Swan Lake*. **Debra Craine** reports

Nothing cheers up a dance company like a new production, and nothing cheers up the box office like a new production of a Tchaikovsky ballet. So English National Ballet's new *Swan Lake* is set to provide a fillip on two fronts.

ENB is a company in need of cheering up: the imminent departure of artistic director Ivan Nagy has left it hovering in uncertainty. As they wait to discover where the company is headed — an announcement is expected within weeks — the dancers are immersing themselves in preparations for the premiere of *Swan Lake* tomorrow night in Southampton.

When he took over almost three years ago Nagy made it a priority to refurbish as much of the full-length classical canon as possible. He brought in new productions of *The Nutcracker* and *Cinderella*: a new *Sleeping Beauty* is currently under way. Nagy believed all the Tchaikovsky ballets in ENB's cupboard needed updating: certainly the *Swan Lake* he inherited was ripe for a rethink.

Natalia Makarova's *Swan Lake*, produced in 1988 at a cost of £300,000, proved both unsuitable and short-lived, lasting only two years before it was dropped. Nagy wanted ENB to have a traditional, classical *Swan Lake*, one more faithful to the Russian original than Makarova's reworking which stripped the ballet of its mime and many of its set dances.

Nagy turned to Raissa Struchkova, the former Bolshoi ballerina turned teacher, for his new *Swan Lake*. The cost of building this production from scratch today is estimated at about £750,000: as it is, the cost of the Struchkova restaging is about £90,000 since it uses the Carl Toms's designs from ENB's 1982 production.

This bargain-basement acquisition is actually an old Bolshoi production, a version staged in Moscow by Alexander Gorsky and Asaf Messerer which was superseded in 1969 by Yuri Grigorovich's rather grandiose staging. Struchkova is reconstructing the previous Bolshoi production as faithfully as possible, with only minor adjustments to allow for the different stage sizes in Britain.

The Struchkova version will be dancier than Makarova's, reinstating the character dances and providing more roles for more performers. And the mime is back. "It was very important to have mime," explains Struchkova, through an interpreter. "It was not enough to be just a production of the ballet; artists had to show their dramatic powers."

The character dances of Act III — the Spanish, Czardas, Mazurka and Neapolitan — pose the greatest challenge for ENB's classically-trained dancers. "The tradition of character dancing was born in Russia and it consists of folk dance combined with classical dance. No other country had it. Every ballet student in Russia has special lessons in folk and character dance; even the history of character dance is taught as a whole science."

Struchkova, herself a veteran of 500 performances as Odette-Odile, also parts company with Makarova over the latter's use of two ballerinas to share the leading role; she will have a single dancer as Odette-Odile. "It was a question of prestige. It was very important to show two completely different characters, for the ballerina to show she was a great actress."

This is the first time Struchkova has staged a complete ballet in the West. She is mounting the production mostly from memory, although there is a notated backup should the need arise. But it is the way the steps are performed which interests her; passing on the Russian style is key to her thinking.

"It's important for me not just to stage the ballet but to give the feelings, the soul of Russian ballet. We feel it gives as much as possible the Russian style, the Bolshoi style, and this is as close as possible to the way it used to be in the Bolshoi."

● *Swan Lake opens at the Mayflower Theatre, Southampton (0703 229771) tomorrow night*

LONDON CONCERTS: **Stephen Pettitt**

Glad to be unhappy

Apparently, the **Consort of Musicke**'s three Wigmore Hall concerts at the weekend, called "The Renaissance Triumphs of Mr Dowland", had something to do with a celebration of the new Europe. Given the conflicts over Maastricht and elsewhere, it was rather appropriate that the weekend should have had such a predominantly doleful air. Misery such as that conveyed in songs such as "Come, heavy sleep", "Sorrow, stay" and "Thou mighty God" (all heard in Sunday morning's concert) is, however, peculiarly delectable, acting as a purge for one's own sorrows. And it would be wrong to suggest that everything was of such dark, agonised hue: that applied only to the best work.

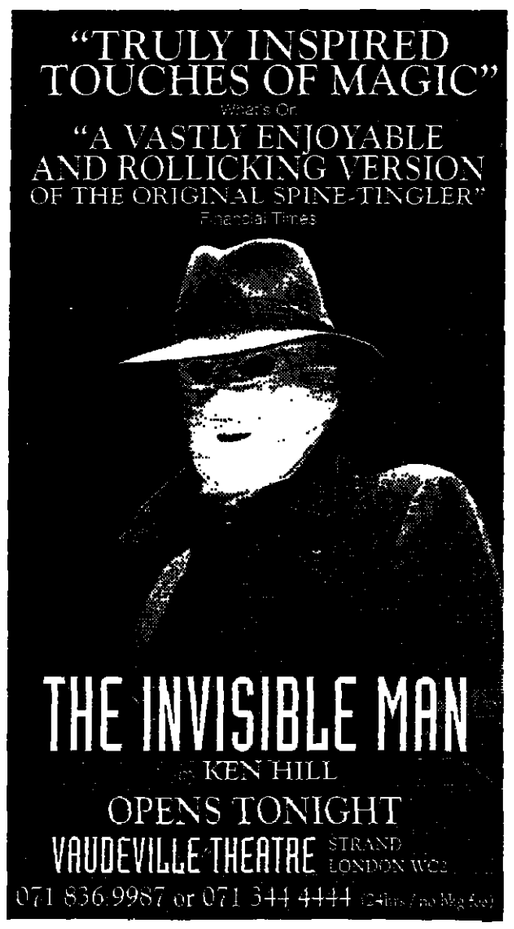
Dowland was not the only composer on show in this extravaganza: indeed the purpose of the whole exercise was to put his music into some kind of context with that of his contemporaries. On Friday last, an enlightening programme called "John Dowland's Grand Tour" followed him on his travels around Europe.

First it was to Paris in the early 1580s, where we were able to compare him with the likes of Sermisy, Costeley and le Jeune. Thence to Germany (1594), for Schütz's Gabrieli-influenced "Alma afflitta" and Johann Grabbe's equally ardent, equally Italianate "Cor mio, deh non languire" (both published in Venice), and for Alessandro Orologio's very beautiful "Pianta gentil", newly unearthed from a source in Gdansk. Orologio, though Italian, worked in Germany and met Dowland in Kassel. A quick trip through Italy (Marenzio, Caccini) took us to Copenhagen, where Dowland worked as a lutenist in the service of the King of Denmark, and to Mogens Pederson's lovely "Son morta".

Emma Kirkby was nursing a cold which eliminated her from the first concert and made fragile her contributions to the remaining two. Strangely, that turned out to be an advantage because she can be a predictable singer, both in tone-colour and in the way she treats her words. Yet in Coprario's Campion setting, "'Tis now dead night", one of the seven Songs of Mourning composed in memory of Prince Henry, all of which we heard in the third concert ("The Dowland Circle"), the threat of the voice cracking made each note, each word, an adventure; the whole cycle is a poetic gem. Andrew King was also impressive here, rounder in sound than he is in larger-scale repertoire.

Evelyn Tubb and Mary Nichols both sang with generally impressive control and keen poetic response, but the odd mannerism, such as Tubb's little sobs at the beginnings of phrases, intruded. The smooth-sounding tenor, Joseph Cornwell, and the gently resonant bass, Simon Grant, completed the line-up, though the singers impressed more in their solo numbers than in ensembles such as John Ward's six-part "If the deep sighs", a gloriously rich, harmonically expressive madrigal which closed the weekend.

Anthony Rooley's spoken introductions were all very well, though his lute accompaniments were a degree more eloquent. But I would have preferred printed notes.



RUGBY UNION

New laws produce one-sided argument

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

DON Rutherford, the technical director of the Rugby Football Union and one of the game's leading analysts, has come out against the experimental law changes in use this season. The laws, which have the broad support of the southern hemisphere, seem likely to be confirmed at the April meeting of the International Rugby Football Board.

Proponents of the changes, which concern the ruck, maul and lineout, will claim that England's relative failure to adjust at international level has influenced Rutherford, but he also offers figures that suggest a split between the senior end of the game and the vast majority of clubs.

Almost three-quarters of the junior clubs canvassed for their opinions favour the laws, which encourage quicker release and more movement. But the greater the fitness levels, as among the senior clubs and representative teams, the more crowded the field has become: "I have no doubt the benefit has gone to the defences," Rutherford said yesterday. "It has turned into a kicking game at the highest level.

"Do we want international rugby to be a kicking game and a lottery? If we just want movement, probably we have got it. But, personally, I don't find it satisfying and if the public want tries, they are not getting them, as the current five nations' championship has shown."

A comparison between 22 first-class games from last season and this season, produced by Wasps, suggests an average of four more lineouts per game and three fewer scrums. But there are 13 more rucks or mauls, an increase of penalties and a decrease in tries, from 91 to 78.

Heineken League figures from Wales suggest more tries are being scored, but it is also argued that an imbalance of playing standards has produced big but one-sided scores.

The RFU will conclude its research next month, after the views of the England squad have been established and Geoff Cooke, the team manager, has consulted his opposite numbers from the other home unions.

"There is less happiness with the laws the higher you go," Rutherford said. "There is probably more offside, and you have more chance of scoring a try by an accurate kick to a point close to the opposing goalline than by running with the ball."

Unless, however, there is concerted opinion among the four home unions, the experimental ruck-maul laws, which are the most contentious, will be driven through by Australia in April, even though their coach and members of his team have expressed their distaste.

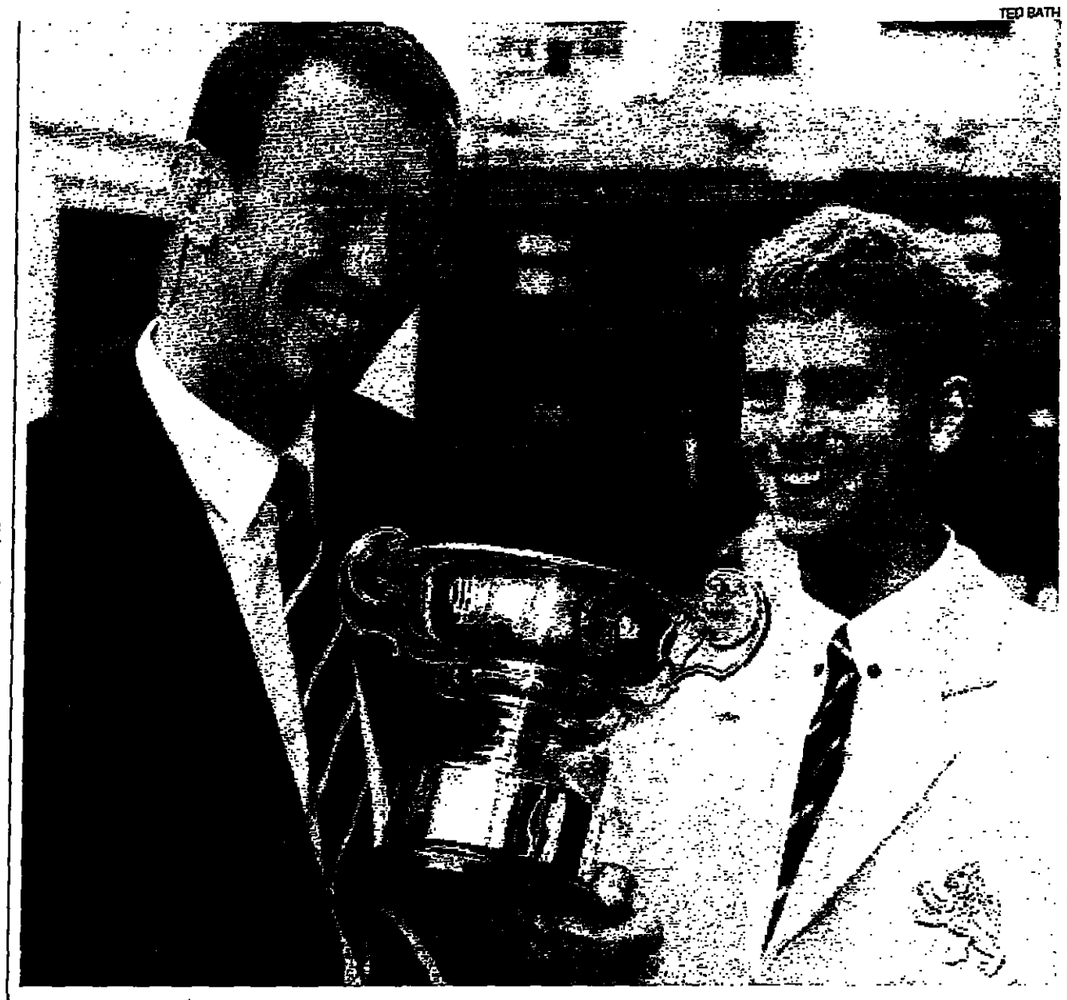
US out of England tour plans

ENGLAND'S tour to North America in May has been amended after the withdrawal of the United States from the three matches they were due to host on the West Coast (David Hands writes). Even though the Rugby Football Union was prepared to pay for substantial elements of the tour, the United States, lacking sponsorship, cannot afford to participate, so the tour, probably of five matches and confined to Canada, will begin a week later than scheduled.

A squad of 19 players has been named to prepare for the Rugby World Cup sevens at Murrayfield in April, including all but one of the England party that reached the semi-finals of the Dubai tournament last November before losing to Scotland, the eventual winners.

The exception is Adrian Thompson, the Wasps stand-off half.

ENGLAND SEVENS SQUAD: Backs: D Hopley (Wasps), R Knibbs (Bristol), D O'Leary (Saracens), A Adebayo (Bath), A Harriman (Harlequins), P Hull (Bristol), N Beal (Northampton), M Dawson (Northampton), K Bracken (Bristol), D Scully (Wakefield). Forwards: M Haag (Bath), C Sheasby (Harlequins), L Dallaglio (Wasps), M Rennell (Bedford), N Back (Leicester), J Cassell (Saracens), S Ojomoh (Bath), T Rodber (Northampton), G Adams (Bath)



TED BATH

Let battle commence: John MacCormick, the Cambridge hockey captain, right, formally challenged Grant Edwards, the Oxford captain, in London yesterday for the Varsity Bowl match at Reading on February 23 (Sydney Friskin writes). Both captains are from New Zealand. Oxford have won the past two trophy matches, having broken a long run of Cambridge wins. Both universities are awarding blues to the 11 players in the original line-up. Substitutes who take the field may be awarded half-blues at the discretion of the captain. Rolling substitutes will be used for the first time. There are three sons of former players in the squads. For Oxford, Steffan Griffiths is the son of Brian Griffiths, who played for Oxford in 1969, and Mark Hoskin is the son of David Hoskin, who played for Cambridge in 1962. John Stott, of Cambridge, is the son of Michael Stott, of the 1964 Cambridge team. In case of a draw, the trophy will be shared.

The All-England Women's Hockey Association has advised the Home Countries Women's Hockey Board that England will no longer participate in the Home Countries tournaments, at both senior and under-21 level, after the 1992-3 season.

SNOOKER

Hendry finds pocket of confidence

BY PHIL YATES

THE balance of power changes quickly in snooker. A week ago, Stephen Hendry was still awaiting his first win in a leading tournament this season and had been replaced by Jimmy White at the top of the provisional world rankings. On Sunday, normal service was resumed.

Hendry arrested his recent slide with a 9-5 victory over James Wattana, of Thailand, in the Benson and Hedges Masters final at Wembley Conference Centre. He received a first prize of £110,000 and will be allowed to keep the antique gold trophy after completing a fifth successive triumph.

Yet Hendry's financial gain — a king's ransom for the vast majority of his fellow professionals — is of secondary importance. The immense psychological fillip that such a performance inevitably produces is of much greater value.

"This has given me extra motivation to win again," he said. "Last season, I won six tournaments after Christmas and I badly want to do something similar again."

Hendry, who admitted that he had become depressed about "playing like an idiot" for most of the season, led Wattana 4-3 after the first session. Breaks of 54, 55, 81, 52, 62 and 65 helped him to win five of the next seven frames to stretch his unbeaten run in the Masters to 20 matches. His overall statistics for the event could hardly have been more impressive, with 19 half-century and five century breaks in 40 frames.

It was all the evidence needed to force a change of heart from a group that had lost faith in Hendry. Before the Masters, bookmakers relieved him of ante-post favouritism for a tournament for the first time since 1990.

He is now at the head of their lists for the European Open, in which he opens his challenge against Dennis Taylor in Antwerp tonight.

Having lifted one kind of pressure by winning at Wembley, he will be under another in Belgium. Consolidation is of paramount importance, with the event carrying world ranking points.

Should he win one of the few titles to elude him, he would not only regain first place in the provisional world standings but also open a sizable gap between himself and his closest pursuers, White and John Parrott, who were eliminated in the qualifying rounds.

RESULT: Final: S Hendry (Scot) bt J Wattana (Thai), 9-5. Frame scores (Hendry first): 14-59, 96-42, 72-0, 44-77, 90-21, 25-59, 74-14, 113-1, 81-22, 9-107, 74-12, 127-1, 16-75, 74-1.

Sew far, sew good as new recruits knit together well

Vivien Cherry reports from Coopers & Lybrand as the British Steel Challenge fleet resumes battle in the round-the-world race

Three days into the third stage of the British Steel Challenge race from Hobart to Cape Town, and we are paying dearly for our rusty techniques. After five weeks enjoying the delights of Tasmania, a few careless mistakes led to Coopers & Lybrand's spinnaker ripping all the way down one leach and most of the way across the foot when the sail wrapped itself around the forestay.

The Coopers sewing circle has risen to this exacting challenge. Everybody onboard is either stitching or sticking. We have another 75ft to go, and at a repair rate of 2ft an hour, we have another two to three days of hand stitching to go. As with all such necessities, there is a hidden benefit. This one has forced us to bring out our asymmetric sail and learn to fly it to its best advantage.

It has taken two days for us all to settle back into the routine of a watch system. On Coopers & Lybrand we have four watches, each rotating four hours on and off with two watch teams always awake.

The first two hours are spent sailing and trimming and making the most boat speed. The second two hours are spent ready for action, with sail changes and filling in time with maintenance and cleaning chores.

Our three new recruits have settled in remarkably well. I can tell that by the way they have joined in all the mickey-taking, especially of the exploits of one of our number with a fishing line.

Mike Bass and Gary Hopkins spent a considerable time training with us before the start from Southampton last September, and it is good to have them back on board. Martin Wright, the replacement for John Kirks, who aggravated an old back injury during the last leg around Cape Horn, has also settled into shipboard life very easily, thanks to his naval training.

So far the weather has been kind and there have been no signs of the seasickness that crippled Phil Jones, the steelworker from South Wales, for 43 of the 50 days spent at sea during the last leg. I had never witnessed anybody experiencing such severe travel sickness before, and he lost two stone in weight as a result.

Ironically, Phil is a seasoned sailor with a lot of dinghy and coastal racing experience. He had been sick when he joined us on the first delivery trip to Southampton, but then we had put it down to the excesses of Brixham, where we had prepared the yacht after her launch. Now, I guess, he will never go ocean racing again.

At present we are fighting for third place with John Chittenden's Nuclear Electric, which we can see eight miles to the south. It is good to have a rival in sight because it keeps us on our toes and should keep the boat sailing fast.



Coopers & Lybrand

My plan is to stay close to the great circle route down to as far as 53 degrees south for the first part of the voyage, then get as much northing as the weather will allow us once Coopers & Lybrand is beyond the Kerguelen Islands, which have been made a mark of the course.

I estimate that this 6,000-mile leg will take 37 or 38 days to complete, and we are aiming to reach Cape Town on March 24 — hopefully within the first four places.

POSITIONS (at 09.00GMT yesterday, with miles to Cape Town): 1, Commercial Union (R Merryweather), 5,204; 2, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 5,214; 3, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 5,217; 4, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 5,218; 5, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 5,223; equal 6, Holsbrau Lager (P Goss) and Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 5,224; 8, British Steel II (R Tudor), 5,227; 9, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray), 5,233; 10, Interspray (P Jeffes), 5,246.

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FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

MALTA: Marathon: 1, H Jones (Eng), 2hr 19 min 30sec; 2, T Mitchell (Scot), 2:21:56.

DIEKIRCH, Luxembourg: World cross-country challenge series: Tenth round: Men: 1, J Kanuid (Ken), 31mn 27sec; 2, S Tunstall (GB), 31:28; 3, V Rousseau (Bel), 31:41; 4, J Downes (Ire), 31:44; 5, H Cnsostomo (Por), 31:50; 6, A Bristow (GB), 31:55. Other British: 9, M Jones, 32:16. Leading positions: 1, Kaiuki, 80pts; 2, O Osuro (Ken), 77; 3, F Bayesa (Eth), 75; 4, Tunstall, 69; 5, Rousseau, 60; 6, I Kiru (Ken), 59. Other British: 7, J Brown, 54; equal 9, D Lewis and P Dugdale, 49. Women: 1, S Rigg (GB), 16:45, 2, N Sorokivskaya (Kazakhstan), 16:47; 3, A Hakenstad (Nor), 16:51; 4, M Emetdotor (Ire), 16.53; 5, L Borisova (Rus), 16:54; 6, I Delagrange (Bel), 17:00. Leading positions: 1, C McKiernan (Ire), 97pts, 2, M A Dias (Por), 88; 3, E Kiplagat (Ken), 85; 4, Rigg, 78; 5, T Lorupe (Ken), 72.

SINDELFINGEN, Germany: Women's Indoor meeting: Triple-jump: A Vokuhl (Ger), 13.56m. Pole-vault: N Rieger (Ger), 3.65m. 1,500m: S Gasser (Switz), 4min 07.96sec (national record). 60m: O Bogoslowskaya (Russ), 7.24sec. Long-jump: H Drechsler (Ger), 7.01m (world best this year). 800m: M Constantin (Rom), 2min 01.23sec. High-jump: H Henkel (Ger), 2.00m.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division: Men: Guildford Kings 110, Manchester Giants 102. Sunderland Saints 84, Derby Bucks 73; London Towers 73, Worthing Bears 66.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Orlando Magic 102, New York Knicks 100 (3 OT); Charlotte Hornets 117, Detroit Pistons 107; New Jersey Nets 117, Miami Heat 111 (OT); Los Angeles Clippers 96, Portland Trail Blazers 85; Golden State Warriors 114, Washington Bullets 94; Los Angeles Lakers 135, Atlanta Hawks 96.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York Knicks	32	16	.667	—
New Jersey Nets	29	21	.580	4
Boston Celtics	26	22	.542	7
Orlando Magic	23	22	.511	7½
Philadelphia 76ers	18	29	.383	13½
Miami Heat	16	31	.340	15½
Washington Bullets	15	34	.306	17½

Central division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago Bulls	33	17	.660	—
Cleveland Cavaliers	32	19	.627	1½
Charlotte Hornets	26	21	.553	5½
Atlanta Hawks	24	25	.490	8½
Indiana Pacers	22	27	.449	10½
Detroit Pistons	20	28	.417	12
Milwaukee Bucks	19	29	.396	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio Spurs	32	14	.696	—
Utah Jazz	31	17	.646	2
Houston Rockets	28	21	.571	5½
Denver Nuggets	20	28	.417	13
Minnesota Twolves	11	34	.244	20½
Dallas Mavericks	4	43	.085	28½

Pacific division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix Suns	36	10	.783	—
Seattle SuperSonics	31	17	.646	6
Portland T' Blazers	29	16	.644	6½
LA Lakers	26	22	.542	11
LA Clippers	25	24	.510	12
Golden St Warriors	22	28	.431	16½
Sacramento Kings	17	31	.354	20

BIATHLON

BOROVETZ, Bulgaria: World championships: Women's 7.5km: M Beckard (Can), 21min 01.9sec. Men's 10km: 1, M Kirchner (Ger), 27min 30.5sec.

BOBSLEIGH

IGLS, Austria: Four-man world championships: Positions (after final two runs): 1, Switzerland II, 3min 26.93sec; 2, Austria I, 3:27.37; 3, United States I, 3:27.38.

CYCLING

TOUR OF THE MEDITERRANEAN: Sixth stage: Final overall placings: 1, C Mottet (Fr), 17.53:07; 2, H Imboden (Switz), at 14; 3, P Lance (Fr), at 24. Other: 6, M Earley (Ire), 51.

ROAD RACES: Perl's Pedal Race (Rowland's Castle, Hampshire, 52 miles): 1, R Woolles (CC Abergavenny), 2hr 5min 14sec; 2, R Hurd (CC Romford), at 2sec; 3, P Rogers (VC St Raphael), at 4sec. Springtime Pursuit (Bovey Tracey, Devon, 35 miles): 1, J Hunt (Mid-Devon RC), 1:35:00; 2, J Hunt (CC Giro), same time; 3, A Hitchens (Bournemouth Arrow), same time. Blackdanda Triangle (Calne, Wiltshire, 53 miles): A Owen (CC Abergavenny), 2:17:30.

TIME TRIALS: Ely and District CC handridders' 25 miles: 1, M St Leger (GS Vitesse), 57:03; 2, A Allan (Team Heavenhill), 57:31; 3, N Yarworth (GS Vitesse), 58:07. Team: Cambridge University CC, 3:12:36. Bejaoss Wheelers two-up (Stagsden, Bedfordshire, 18.2 miles): W Moore (Leo RC) and L Pick (Icknield RC), 40:54 (event record).

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Millwall 1, QPR 1.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Sporting 2, Braga 0; Gil Vicente 2, Maritimo 0; Guimaraes 2, Belenenses 1, Beira Mar 3, Estoril 0; Chaves 1, Pacos Ferreira 2; FC Porto 3, Tirsense 1; Boavista 1, Salgueiros 0; Farense 4, Espinho 1; Benfica 1, Famalicao 0.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Orlando: Russia 1, United States 0.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group four: Belgium 1, Cyprus 0.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Dismik Trophy: Second round: Worthing HS 0, St Thomas the Apostle (Inner London) 2; Judgemeadow (Leicester) 3, Garibaldi (Nottingham) 5; Priority (Barnsley) 1, Farringdon (Sunderland) 1.

GOLF

LAGOS: Nigerian Open: Leading final scores (GB unless stated): 274: G Manson. 276: F Regard (Fr). 277: J Lebbie (Sierra Leone). 280: J L Guepy (Fr), I Spencer. 281: P Harrison, M Gronberg (Swe), N Briggs.

LA QUINTA: Bob Hope Classic: Final scores (all US): 325: T Kite, 67, 67, 64, 65, 62. 331: R Fehr, 66, 66, 70, 62, 67. 336: S Simpson, 71, 69, 66, 63, 68. 336: J Gallagher, 69, 68, 67, 69, 63; K Clearwater, 68, 66, 68, 70, 64, J Haas, 66, 66, 71, 65, 68; B Lohr, 68, 66, 66, 66, 70.

GYMNASTICS

HARROW: AIWA Westminster Shield: 1, P Bowler (Manchester), 53.9pts; 2, N Thomas (Lilleshall), 52.8; 3, A Woods (Hesters), 51.550; 4, M Campbell (Manchester), 51.3; 5, L McDermott (Sutton), 51.25; 6, R Barber (Burslem), 51.250.

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bournville 0, Havant 3; Cannock 0, Hounslow 3; Canterbury 1, Bromley 1; Fredericks 1, Teddington 1; Neston 0, Slough 3, Southgate 5, St Albans 0, Surbiton 2, Stourport 3; Trojans 1, East Grinstead 1; Weiton 0, Old Loughtonians 1. Second division: Brooklands 2, Cambridge City 1; Chelmsford 2, Chelsea 0; Doncaster 0, Guilford 2; Indian Gymkhana 2, Harborne 1; Ieca 1, Beeston 4; Old Kingstonians 1, Brean 2; Reading 7, Harleston Magpies 0; Richmond 2, Basford Tigers 3; Warrington 3, Lyons 3.

ENGLISH WOMEN'S INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Hightown 2, Ipswich 1.

SENIOR WOMEN'S CLUBS: West: Witney 1, Cotwell 1; Clifton 7, Swindon 0; Loughborough 0, Sheffield 1; St Albans 0, Bluehairs 1.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Blackham 8, King's, Gloucester 1; Cranleigh 2, Epsom 3; Magdalen College School, Oxford 2, Stowe 1; Monkton Combe 2, Reidcomb 0; Trinity, Croydon 7, King's, Rochester 2.

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bracknell Beas 5, Billingham Bombers 4; Cardiff Devils 11, Nottingham Panthers 7. Norwich and Peterborough Pirates 4, Durham Wasps 4; Murrayfield Racers 8, Humberside Seahawks 5; Whitley Warriors 14, Fife Flyers 5. First division: Lee Valley Lions 4, Sheffield Steelers 13; Medway Bears 4, Basingstoke Beavers 6; Milton Keynes Kings 9, Slough Jets 8.

STOCKHOLM: Four nations tournament: Canada 4, Russia 4; Czech Rep 6, Canada 7; Russia 4, Swedan 2.

Final table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Sweden	3	2	0	1	14	8	4
Czech Rep	3	2	0	1	16	11	4
Russia	3	1	1	1	9	12	3
Canada	3	0	1	2	13	21	1

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): New Jersey Devils 5, Philadelphia Flyers 2; San Jose Sharks 3, Winnipeg Jets 2; Quebec Nordiques 3, Edmonton Oilers 2.

WALES CONFERENCE

Patrick division

	W	L	D	Pts
Pittsburgh Penguins	37	15	5	79
Washington Capitals	28	22	6	62
New Jersey Devils	27	24	4	58
New York Rangers	24	24	9	57
New York Islanders	25	25	6	56
Philadelphia Flyers	19	28	8	47

Adams division

	W	L	D	Pts
Montreal Canadiens	35	18	6	76
Quebec Nordiques	30	18	9	69
Boston Bruins	31	22	5	67
Buffalo Sabres	29	22	8	64
Hartford Whalers	15	37	4	34
Ottawa Senators	7	48	4	18

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris division

	W	L	D	Pts
Chicago Blackhawks	32	20	8	72
Detroit Red Wings	31	21	7	69
Minnesota North Stars	29	21	8	66
Toronto Maple Leafs	27	23	8	62
St Louis Blues	25	25	9	59
Tampa Bay Lightning	19	35	4	42

Smythe division

	W	L	D	Pts
Vancouver Canucks	32	16	8	72
Calgary Flames	31	19	7	69
Winnipeg Jets	25	26	6	56
Los Angeles Kings	24	26	7	55
Edmonton Oilers	21	29	8	50
San Jose Sharks	7	48	2	16

JUDO

PARIS: International tournament: Men: 78kg: Pool A: R Birch (GB) bt G Nahon (Fr), ippon; M Spitzka (Ger) bt Birch, waza ari. 3rd place: B Amoussou (Fr) bt Birch, waza ari. Final: Chun Ki-Yung (S Kor) bt Yoon Dong-Sik (S Korea), yuko. 95kg: Final: S Traineau (Fr) bt V Budulene (Russ), ippon. Women: 48kg: Final: R Tamura (Japan) bt C Savon (Cuba), ippon. 52kg: Final: C Nowak (Fr) bt L Tignola (Fr), ippon.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Malvern 19, King Edward's Aston 0. Reigate 3, Hampton 20. CLUB MATCHES: Cancelled: Yesterday: Swansea v Lansdowne. Thursday: Ebbw Vale v Pontypool; Newbridge v Penarth.

SHOOTING

WOLVERHAMPTON: British air rifle championships: British Open: Men: C Hector (Baldock), 684.8. Women: T Lunn (Wandsworth), 478.6.

TENNIS

EASTBOURNE: LTA men's indoor satellite tournament: Final: T Kempers (Holl) bt S Hette (Fr), 7-6, 3-6, 6-3.

VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Fourth round: Women: Edgbaston Priory 0, IFG Hallamshire Sheffield 3; Harpenden 0, Connaught Club 3; Brixton 2, Lincoln Indoor 1, Long Road Cambridge 0, Lakenham Norwich 3, Royal Berkshire 2, Walton Indoor 1; David Lloyd Finchley 3, Ealing 0; Chris Lane Woking 2, Pavilion Avenue Hove 1; David Lloyd Eastbourne 3, Maidstone Fitness 0; Centrecourt Basingstoke 0, West Herts Bournemouth 3; Match Point Southampton 1, Alverstoke Gosport 2. Men: Chris Lane Woking 0, Surrey CC 3.

CHICAGO: Women's tournament: Final: M Seles (Yug) bt M Nawratilova (US), 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.

MEMPHIS: Men's tournament: Final: J Courier (US) bt T Martin (US), 5-7, 7-6, 7-6.

EASTBOURNE: Remington family championships: First round: Father and Son: K and R Glass (Surrey) bt D and G Mirins (Suffolk), 6-0, 6-1; K and K Dewick (Bucks) bt G and N Cannon (Kent), 7-5, 6-2; K and O Bull (S Wales) bt P and M Ratcliffe (Northumberland), 6-1, 7-5; P and M Sliviter (Worcs) bt J and J Weymouth (Devon), 6-0, 6-1; D and R Hayes (Dorset) wto T and N Dyson (Middx); J and B Howarth (Yorks) bt R and M Ingham (Lancs), 7-6, 5-7, 6-4; H and H Sorrs (Middx) bt D and N Mason (Notts), 6-1, 6-2. Mother and Daughter: S and L Powell (Northants) bt D and J Schofield (Cheshire), 6-0, 6-3; B and N Entract (Dorset) bt B Bancroft and E Masters (Notts), 6-0, 6-4; M and D Cantrell (Bucks) bt L and J Smith-Dubendorfer (Middx), 6-2, 6-0; E and A Joy (Avon) bt T McKeag and C Smith (Northumberland), 6-4, 7-5. V and F Brewer (W Mids) bt S and L Cartwright (Lancs), 6-3, 6-4; L and L Peterson (Sussex) bt J and J Hessell (Suffolk), 6-1, 6-2.

PARIS: French women's indoor open: First round: N Muns-Jagerman (Holl) bt E Maniokova (Russ), 6-2, 6-0; D Monami (Bel) bt E Zardo (Swtz), 6-4, 6-4; M Pierce (Fr) bt A Strnadova (Cz Repl, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3; N Tauziat (Fr) bt K Habaudova (Slov), 6-1, 5-7, 6-4.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women: First division: Dynamo London 0, Woolwich Bredon 3; Sale 3, Britannia Music Hackney 2; Ashcombe Dorking 3, Wessex 0.

CRICKET

EAST LONDON, South Africa: One-day triangular series: Pakistan 214 for 6 (50 overs); South Africa (set reduced target of 172 off 31 overs, due to rain) 162 all out in 30.1 overs. Pakistan won on a faster scoring rate.

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POOLS GUIDE

IPSWICH Town went out of the FA Cup at Anfield last season but can do better on Saturday by holding Liverpool to a draw. Liverpool will probably be grateful for a home point against a side that has enjoyed its return to the top flight.

Norwich City's hopes of winning the first Premier title are fading and one can see them dropping another couple of points against Saturday's visitors, Manchester City, who are doing well away from home.

The most attractive treble chance proposition is in the second division, where Stockport County take on fellow promotion contenders, West Bromich Albion. Stockport have acquired the draw habit at home, having finished all-square on six occasions.

Chester City seem resigned to relegation, but their opponents, Hartlepool United, have slumped since knocking Crystal Palace out of the Cup early last month and it would be unwise to rule out a draw. Bradford City can take an away point off the leaders, Stoke City.

Saturday, February 20 unless stated

PREMIER LEAGUE
1 A Villa v Everton
X Liverpool v Ipswich
1 Man Utd v Southptn
X Norwich v Man City
2 Oldham v Arsenal
X QPR v Coventry
1 Tottenham v Leeds
Not on coupons: Blackburn v Chelsea (Sunday); Middlesbrough v Nottingham Forest; Sheffield Wednesday v Crystal Palace, Wimbledon v Sheffield United

FIRST DIVISION
2 Bristol R v Tranmere
2 Camb'ge Utd v Swindon
1 Derby v Watford
1 Grimsby v Birmingham
1 Luton v Charlton
1 Millwall v Barnsley
1 Portsmth v Leicester
X Sunderland v Bristol C
1 Wolves v Oxford
Not on coupons (all Sunday): Notts County v Peterborough; Southend v Brentford; West Ham v Newcastle.

SECOND DIVISION
1 Blackpool v Bolton
1 Bourn'm'th v Mansfield
1 Brighton v Exeter
X Chester v Hartlepool
1 Fulham v Wigan
2 Hudd'field v Leyton O
2 Plymouth v Burnley
1 Reading v Preston
2 Rotherham v Port Vale
X Stockport v West Brom
X Stoke v Bradford
1 Swansea v Hull

THIRD DIVISION
1 Barnet v Doncaster
1 Bury v Carlisle
X Darlington v Chesterfield
1 Lincoln v Hereford
2 Scarborough v Rochdale
1 Shrewsbury v Colchester
1 Walsall v Scunthorpe
1 Wrexham v Gillingham
Not on coupons: Halifax v Crewe; Northampton v Cardiff (Friday); Torquay v York Grimsby, Millwall, Reading, Barnet, Lincoln, Wolverhampton, Celtic, Dunfermline, Kilmarnock, Clyde

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PREMIER DIVISION
2 Chelmsford v Atherstone
1 Halesowen v Dorchester
1 Solihull v Camb'ge City
1 Wateriville v Moor Green

SCOTTISH PREMIER
2 Airdrie v Hearts
1 Celtic v Partick
2 Dundee Utd v Rangers
1 Falkirk v Motherwell
X Hibernian v Dundee
2 S Johnstone v Aberdeen

SCOTTISH FIRST
X Clydebank v Hamilton
1 Dunf'mline v Dumbarton
1 Kilmarnock v Cowdenb'th
2 Meadowb'k v Raith
1 St Mirren v Ayr
2 Stirling v Morton

SCOTTISH SECOND
1 Alloa v Albion
X Arbroath v Brechin
2 Berwick v C of Sth
1 Clyde v Queen's Pk
X Forfar v East Fife
1 Montrose v Stenh'muir
Not on coupons: Stranraer v East Stirling.

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Liverpool, Norwich, Queens Park Rangers, Sunderland, Chester, Stockport, Stoke, Darlington, Hibernian, Clydebank, Arbroath, Forfar

BEST DRAWS: Liverpool, Norwich, Chester, Stockport County, Clydebank

AWAYS: Arsenal, Tranmere, Swindon, Leyton Orient, Burnley

HOMES: Manchester United, Derby, Millwall, Lincoln, Wolverhampton, Clyde, Aways: Tranmere Rovers, Leyton Orient, Morton. Draws: Liverpool, Norwich, Chester.

☐ Vince Wright

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

European under-21 championship
Group one
Scotland v Malta (at Tannadice, Dundee, 1.30)

Group two
England v San Marino (at Kenilworth Road, Luton, 7.45)

Barclays League
Second division
Burnley v Preston
Mansfield v Hartlepool
Stockport v Port Vale
Wigan v Huddersfield

Third division
Chesterfield v Gillingham
Doncaster v Crewe
Halifax v Lincoln

Autoglass Trophy
Area quarter-finals
Swansea v Leyton Orient
Stoke v West Bromwich (7.45)

GM Vauxhall Conference
Merthyr v Bromsgrove
Stafford v Kidderminster
Wycombe v Dagenham and Redbridge (7.45)

Tennents Scottish Cup
Fourth-round replay
East Fife v Arbroath

Scottish League
Premier division
Partick v Hibernian

First division
Clydebank v Kilmarnock
Stirling v Cowdenbeath

Second division
Albion v Stenhousemuir
Clyde v Queen of South

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke v Bromley, Dulwich v Chesham; Grays v Windsor and Eton; Kingstonian v Carshalton, Sutton United v St Albans. League Cup: Hendon v Enfield.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester City v Notts County (6.45); Sheffield United v Blackburn Rovers. Second division: Everton v Scunthorpe United (7.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Luton Town v Fulham (2.0); West Ham United v Crystal Palace (2.0). Second division: Bournemouth v Plymouth Argyle.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE CUP: Netherfield v Matlock.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Halstead v Brightlingsea.

BARCLAYS COMMERCIAL SERVICES CUP: Semi-finals: Dover Athletic v Sudbury; Stourbridge v Halesowen.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE FULL MEMBERS CUP: First round: Dorking v Walton and Hersham

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Thackley v Liversedge.

RUGBY UNION

Club matches

Pontypool v Glamorgan Wanderers (7.0)
Pontypridd v Cross Keys (7.0)
Swansea v Lansdowne (7.15)
Maesteg v Tredegar (7.15)

RUGBY LEAGUE

British Coal international

Great Britain Academy v France Academy (at Central Park, Wigan, 7.30)

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: World indoor singles and pairs championships (at Guild Hall, Preston)

BOXING: Super-middleweight bout: Hunter Clay (Nigeria) v Lou Gent (Streatham) (at Tooting)

SWIMMING: World Cup meeting (at Sheffield).

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

TALQUAL

(a) Just as they come, used with reference to fish sold without sorting, an adverbial phrase from Newfoundland, shortened from the Latin *talis qualis*, such as, of which sort or quality: "During the war years, quantity rather than quality became the ruling consideration: the cull was therefore dispensed with and fish were bought on what is known as the talqual system, viz., an average price was fixed for the whole of a fisherman's catch without any exact regard to the varying qualities of the fish comprising the catch."

KISWA

(c) The black cloth that covers the Kaaba shrine in Mecca, from the Arabic: "The beautiful silk and wool kiswa with its gold-embroidered band not having been sent this year, Ibn Sa'ud had supplied a covering of black Bedouin hair cloth."

CHEECHAKO

z(a) A newly arrived immigrant in the mining districts of north-western North America, a tenderfoot or greenhorn, a Chinook jargon word, literally newcomer, from *chee* new + *chako* to come: "Many a cheechako (tenderfoot) on his way back to the mines has thrown down his pack and struck back for town."

PLANCTUS

(b) A medieval lament, from the Latin *planctus* beating of the breast, lamentation: "The metrical hymns are often of the nature of planctus or laments put in the mouths of the Maries as they approach the sepulchre. These planctus add greatly to the vividness and humanity of the play."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

The constriction of white's king led to his downfall after 1 ...Qxg3! 2 hxg3 g5! and 3 ...Rh6+ mating is unstoppable.

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Coulton can provide clues to Champion

By George Rae

FOUR weeks short of the Champion Hurdle, questions about the outcome of the race still outnumber answers by some way. The ante-post betting market has been formed more than anything by default, and in that respect Coulton has done less than most to blot his copybook.

Despite running only twice this season, and being beaten both times, he has drifted past the greater failures of his rivals to a position of joint-favouritism with some bookmakers. Hardly a glowing recommendation, but he has the opportunity to provide some more positive evidence of his festival prospects in the Tote City Trial Hurdle, a limited handicap, at Nottingham on Saturday.

Mick Easterby, his trainer, would certainly welcome a victory. His stable has struggled to find its form for the past two months and success here would at least offer the prospect of a big-race success at Cheltenham to lift the gloom.

Indeed, there is a recent precedent. Last year, this race underlined the claims of the novice Royal Gait, who won here before going on to land the Champion Hurdle. Eight have been declared for Saturday, among them the unbeaten novice Satin Lover.

However, his trainer, Nigel Tinkler, may consider other avenues. Apart from the Nottingham race, Tinkler has two options at Sandown on Thursday. A stable spokeswoman said: "Satin Lover is fine and will run this week, but we're keeping our options open. It depends mainly on the opposition where he goes."

Tinkler is also still weighing Satin Lover's likely Cheltenham objective. He will choose between the Champion Hurdle, the Supreme Novices' Hurdle and the County Hurdle.

Also at Nottingham, Sybillin and Wonder Man are scheduled to meet in the Nottinghamshire Novices' Chase. The two-mile race will round off both horses' preparations for the Arkle Challenge Trophy at the festival.

Sybillin excelled when beating experienced handicappers at Ascot last month but, on the same course last week, Wonder Man lost his unbeaten chasing record to Atlaal after making a bad blunder at the second-last fence.

Jimmy Fitzgerald, the trainer of Sybillin, landed the Nottingham race five years ago with Danish Flight prior to lifting the Arkle.

At Windsor, Black Humour will put his Gold Cup hopes to the test in the Fairlawne Chase. The progressive chaser, who beat Bradbury Star at Warwick last month, could be accompanied by stable companion Espy. "I'm not thinking too far ahead at this stage," Charlie Brooks, his trainer, said yesterday, "but I would hope that Black Humour does run in the Gold Cup."

Dunwoody extends lead with double

RICHARD Dunwoody maintained his championship charge with a double aboard Vicompt De Valmont and Kabayil at Plumpton yesterday.

Fresh from a Newbury treble on Friday and a big-race Saturday success on Waterloo Boy, the Ulsterman is now 12 clear of Peter Scudamore.

Dunwoody tried to make all on Vicompt De Valmont in the Bet With The Tote Novices' Chase Qualifier but Catchapenny and Seamus O'Neill upset the calculations by taking over the lead six fences out.

Punters who had knocked over bookmakers offering evens in running Vicompt De Valmont with a circuit to go looked in serious trouble as Catchapenny poached a four-length advantage turning for home.

But Dunwoody urged the willing, if one-paced, Vicompt De Valmont into one last effort, and the pair struck the front again close home for a half-length success.

Kabayil completed the double with a fairly convincing success in the Firle Place Juvenile Novices' Hurdle.

Conditional Brian Clifford was also in double form, collecting on Briggs Builders and Days Of Thunder.

Clifford carried out trainer Menin Muggeridge's master plan to perfection in the Hassocks Handicap Chase, making all on Briggs Builders for an eight-length victory over the 5-4 joint favourite Fred Splendid.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: LUCKY BLUE
(4.10 Newton Abbot)
Next best: Island Jewel
(2.00 Towcester)



Doughty: fined £450 over Thistle Monarch ride

Doughty fined £450 under 'non-trier' rule

THE jockey Neale Doughty was fined £450 by the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee yesterday for a breach of one of the rules governing "non-triers". But at the same enquiry, the Greystoke trainer Gordon Richards escaped punishment.

The pair faced an investigation into the improved form shown by Thistle Monarch at Carlisle on November 26, compared with his previous running 13 days earlier at Ayr.

The matter was referred to the Jockey Club headquarters at Portman Square to enable the stewards to see a video recording of the Ayr race which had not been available at Carlisle.

Thistle Monarch was eighth at Ayr, just over 22 lengths behind the runner-up, J P Morgan. Yet he was seven lengths ahead of J P Morgan when comfortably winning at Carlisle.

The stewards heard evidence from Doughty, Richards and the handicapper at yesterday hearing.

Doughty was found to be in breach of the rule which requires a rider to take all reasonable measures to ensure that his mount achieves the best possible placing.

Demanding finish will suit consistent mare Bodfari

By Brian Beel

THE first of the Times Rising Stars qualifiers gets under way at Towcester today, and of the 11 runners, none will be more suited by the punishing uphill finish than **BODFARI**.

At least two others look to have stronger claims as Bodfari is a bit one-paced but she always puts in her best effort in the closing stages. That is where it matters on this course.

Last season's only outing over the regulation fences was not encouraging as she fell, but in six point-to-points she was never out of the frame. Bodfari has not had an outing this season but this is no worry as her owner-trainer, the former National Hunt jockey Peter Morris, had her right first time out last year when she won at Tatton Park.

Alpha One, from Caroline Saunders's in-form stable and the mount of top hunter chase rider Johnny Greenall, has sound credentials and will, justifiably, start favourite. Successful in three of his eight point-to-points last year, Alpha One started this term off well at the Heythrop ten days ago, by winning the open.

His record in hunter-chases, however, could not be shorter as a blunder at the first fence at Leicester last March put Greenall on the floor.

Richard Russell has his horses in the same stable and has elected to run **Royal Day** rather than another Irish import, Chergo.

The combination was fourth at Tweseldown just over a fortnight ago in a decent open and the horse is bound to have come on since then.

Royal Day was racing in Irish point-to-points in 1992, and won three times from nine starts. He was placed in four other outings but fell twice, once at the Mid Antrim with a commanding lead at the last.

Frome Boy proved his jumping ability on a National Hunt course when finishing fifth in a hunter chase at Southwell and his four victories from six starts in point-to-points is a strike rate not matched by any other opponent here.

His trainer, Jackie Guilding, has produced him to win on his initial appearance in the last two seasons and it would be no great surprise if this record was maintained.

The best run of any in a hunter chase has been by the mare **Crown Royale**, who was second. Though well behind Sheer Jest, in a hunter chase at Stratford last May, she did not come to her best until mid-April and failed to reproduce that form on her return when last of nine finishers in the open at Ottery St Mary three weeks ago.

It will be a surprise if any of the others manage to make the frame, and if Bodfari is within striking range of the leader turning for home, her strong finish should prevail.

Following Towcester, seven other qualifiers will be run leading up to the £10,000 grand final at Worcester on April 14.

TOWCESTER LINE-UP

2.30 TIMES RISING STARS HUNTER CHASE
(Qualifier: amateurs: £1,952: 3m 1f) (11 runners)

1 3040P- ONLY THE LONELY 257 (F) (D Parker) D Parker 6-12-5 ... T Stephenson (7) –
2 1231-1 ALPHA ONE 10 (F,G,S) (J Greenall) Mrs C Saunders 8-11-12 ... J Greenall (3) –
3 006-P1 FIRST DESIGN 10 (S) (P Jones) P Jones 6-11-12 ... J Trice-Rolph (7) –
4 FF64-3 FORMAL 17 (P Bytends) Mrs D Grissell 7-11-12 ... C Newport (7) 88
5 0/1153- FROME BOY 304 (G) (Pearson Chescoe, Drake) Mrs R Guilding 8-11-12 ... D Duggan (7) 80
6 PPR0-1 JURANSTAN 24 (S) (B Holmes) J Collett 8-11-12 ... Miss S Sadler (7) 90
7 221P4- PHILIPPONNAT 290 (G) (Mrs A Jones) R Jones 7-11-12 ... E Williams (7) –
8 2112-4 ROYAL DAY 17 (G,S) (R Russell) Mrs C Saunders 7-11-12 ... R Russell (5) –
9 116-0F SCRUMPY COUNTRY 10 (F,G) (Major C Marriott) Major C Marriott 8-11-12 ... L Lay (7) –
10 1F13-3 BODFARI 10 (S) (P Morris) P Morris 8-11-7 ... R Jones (7) –
11 0112-0 CROWN ROYALE 24 (F,S) (Mrs G England) Mrs G England 8-11-7 ... K Cousins (7) 85

☐ Form figures and racecard details include point-to-points

BETTING: 9-4 Alpha One, 7-2 Frome Boy, 9-2 Royal Day, 11-2 Bodfari, 8-1 Crown Royale, 12-1 Scrumpy Country, 14-1 Formal, 20-1 Juranstan, 25-1 Only The Lonely, 33-1 others.

1992: TEAPLANTER 9-12-9 M Armytage (2-7 fav) Miss C Saunders 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

ONLY THE LONELY, only winner under Rules in field, finished alone in Devon hurdle Aug 90; tailed off in two hunter chases and failed to win in point-to-points last year; unraced this season. ALPHA ONE unseated rider first in hunter chase but won three out of eight point-to-points in 92; won open at Heythrop Feb 6 (18 ran).
FIRST DESIGN poor novice hurdler, tailed off at Higham; point-to-point debut Jan 16 then surprised (33-1) in maiden at Heythrop Feb 6 (17 ran).
FORMAL won two Irish points in 91, moderate under Rules 92; 30l 3rd to Magical Morris in intermediate Cottenham Jan 30.
FROME BOY 30¼l 5th of 11 to Bertie Boy in hunter chase at Southwell and winner of two of three point-to-points in 92, including first time out; unraced this year.
JURANSTAN busy but moderate novice hurdler/chaser in 92; won a maiden at Ottery St Mary on point-to-point debut Jan 23. PHILIPPONNAT won a maiden from five point-to-points in 92; unraced this season. ROYAL DAY won three of ten Irish point-to-points 92; last of four finishers in open at Tweseldown Jan 30 (11 ran).
SCRUMPY COUNTRY distant sixth (second favourite) of 11 to Deer Crest in hunter chase at Sandown and won three out of four point-to-points 92; eighth in a moderate Tweseldown Jan 30 (23 ran) and fell in members at Heythrop Feb 6.
BODFARI, mistakes then fell 12th in Uttoxeter hunter chase won by Once Stung but won three of six point-to-points in 92; unraced this season.
CROWN ROYALE 30l 2nd of nine to Sheer Jest in hunter chase and won two of six point-to-points in 92, last of nine finishers in open at Ottery St Mary Jan 23 (17 ran).

TOWCESTER

THUNDERER
2.00 Barely Black. 2.30 Frome Boy. 3.00 Norstock. 3.30 Sheean Alainn. 4.00 Knight Oil. 4.30 **BUONARROTI** (nap).

Brian Beel: 2.30 Bodfari.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 JARZON DANCER.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY PATCHES ON HURDLES COURSE) SIS

2.00 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,952: 2m) (9 runners)

1 03003 SHIRL 96 (P Watford) G Charles-Jones 4-11-10 ... D Meade (7) 80
2 D3-B06 TAYLORS PRINCE 21 (V) (H Collingridge) H Collingridge 6-11-2 ... V Smith 93
3 25450-6 HIGHLANE LAD 14 (L Cross) T Donnelly 8-11-1 ... T Eley (5) 91
4 F2-F044 ISLAND JEWEL 24 (M Cartwright) J Bosley 5-11-0 ... M Bosley 96
5 4000/00 ATHENE NOCTUA 27 (Dragon Racing) R Hollinshead 8-10-12 ... Gary Lyons 93
6 2-P006 HONEST FRED 7 (Mrs E Holloway) J Edwards 7-10-9 ... D Tegg 97
7 R-53002 BARELY BLACK 21 (N Babbage) N Babbage 5-10-7 ... W Humphreys 89
8 P550 JARZON DANCER 41 (B Foulkes) D Wilson 5-10-2 ... P Scudamore 99
9 30P-P4P WETANDRY 71 (J Hickman) C Jones 8-10-0 ... Gee Armytage 81

BETTING: 2-1 Barely Black, 7-2 Honest Fred, 4-1 Island Jewel, 11-2 Shirl, 7-1 Highlane Lad, 10-1 Athene Noctua, Taylors Prince, 14-1 others.

1992: MAN OF MYSTERY 6-10-5 S Earle (10-1) C Trietline 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHIRL 8¼l 3rd of 9 to Nellagrity in novice hurdle over course and distance (soft). HIGHLANE LAD 12¾l 6th of 15 to State Of Affairs in Nottingham (2m, good to soft) handicap hurdle.
ISLAND JEWEL 37l 4th of 10 to Persian Sword in Warwick (2m, heavy) novice handicap hurdle. HONEST FRED 8¾l 6th of 15 to Caithness Prince in Carlisle (2m 1f, good) novice hurdle. BARELY BLACK 1½l 2nd of 6 to Crystal Cone in Chepstow (2m 110yd, soft) novice handicap hurdle.
JARZON DANCER 38l 5th to smart Satin Lover in Kempton (2m, good to soft) novices' hurdle on penultimate start.
Selection: BARELY BLACK

2.30 TIMES RISING STARS HUNTER CHASE
(Qualifier: £1,952: 3m 1f) (11 runners)

RUNNERS AND RIDERS — SEE ABOVE

3.00 COWSLIP SELLING HURDLE (£1,557; 2m) (4 runners)

1 B64112 NORSTOCK 10 (D,F,G,S) (N Quesnel) J White 6-12-0 ... K Comerford (7) 99
2 64 SINGING REPLY 13 (A Mazzotta) D Marks 5-11-0 ... S McNeill 83
3 SUMMER CRUISE 29F (A Lee) A Lee 4-10-9 ... V Smith –
4 6 LUCY BELLE 138 (S Lee) E Wheeler 4-10-4 ... J White –

BETTING: 1-3 Norstock, 9-2 Singing Reply, 10-1 Summer Cruise, 14-1 Lucy Belle.

1992: METAL OISEAU 4-11-4 A Charlton (5-2) J Moore 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

NORSTOCK beat Duckhaven 15l in 17-runner Uttoxeter (2m 4f 110yd, heavy) selling hurdle on penultimate start. SINGING REPLY 15¼l 4th of 9 to Tudor Da Samba in Leicester (2m, soft) selling hurdle. SUMMER CRUISE moderate handicapper on Flat including 23l 7th of 12 to Tempering in Southwell (1m 4f, standard) claimer. LUCY BELLE distance 6th of 11 to Toast And Honey in Mallow (2m, yield) claiming maiden hurdle in October.
Selection: NORSTOCK

3.30 HOECHST PANACUR EBF MARES NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,167: 2m 5f) (11 runners)

1 AMARANTHINE (Miss D Baker) Miss D Baker 6-10-10 ... T Wall –
2 B BLACK H'PENNY 7 (K Britten) J Old 5-10-10 ... T Grantham –
3 0P CADOLIVE 33 (L Bath) G Ham 5-10-10 ... I Lawrence –
4 /P0P/ COUNTRY SINGER 1042 (B Azzmoudeh) P McEntee 10-10-10 ... Philip McEntee (7) –
5 00-F00 CRUISE ALONG 42 (R Godwin) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-10 ... P Scudamore 99
6 0-00 GLEN LUSS 14 (Fiona Lady Arran) C Egerton 6-10-10 ... J Osborne 98
7 00 KEMMY DARLING 14 (J MacGregor) M Muggeridge 6-10-10 ... C Llewellyn –
8 0- MY KIND OF GIRL 411 (Mrs R Murdoch) J Upson 6-10-10 ... Mr T Byrne (7) –
9 20-6 NICSAMLYN 20 (J Butler) C Smith 6-10-10 ... L Squire (7) –
10 02 SHEAN ALAINN 75 (Express Marie Curie Racing Club) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-10 ... P Niven –
11 SHEHEREZADE (R Shaw) C Egerton 5-10-10 ... J Duggan –

BETTING: 5-4 Shean Alainn, 3-1 Cruise Along, 5-1 Nicsamlyn, 7-1 Glen Luss, 10-1 Sheherezade, 12-1 My Kind Of Girl, 14-1 others.

1992: LETTERFORE 5-10-3 Mr T Byrne (7-1) J Upson 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLACK H'PENNY 46l 8th of 22 to Texas Baby in Warwick (2m, soft) National Hunt flat race.
CRUISE ALONG 30l 8th of 17 to Easter Baby in novice hurdle here (2m, soft) on penultimate start. Stable in fine form.
NICSAMLYN 28¾l 6th of 15 to Take The Buckskin in Southwell (AW, 2m) National Hunt flat race.
SHEAN ALAINN 5l 2nd of 22 to Wild Fantasy in Thurles (2m, heavy) National Hunt flat race.
SHEHEREZADE half-sister by Ask to National Hunt Flat race winner Pameva. Dam winning hurdler.
Selection: CRUISE ALONG

4.00 LOUISE STOCKDALE CHALLENGE CUP
(Handicap chase: £3,492: 3m 1f) (6 runners)

1 4P-4422 KNIGHT OIL 12 (B,C,F,G,S) (R A Bott Ltd) O Sherwood 10 12-0 ... J Osborne 94
2 12P-23F FALSE ECONOMY 108 (C,G,S) (M Stone) J Edwards 8-10-12 ... D Tegg 90
3 243/03-5 RICH REMORSE 12 (C,F,S) (M Rogers) R Curtis 14-10-7 ... D Morris 99
4 006-P1P LARKSMORE 10 (C,F,S) (Miss D Baker) Miss D Baker 8-10-0 ... T Wall 95
5 2PP/5PP CLASSEY BOY 14 (S) (A Kaplan) G Ham 10-10-0 ... P Scudamore –
6 U2P2P-P FATHER JOHN 13 (B,F) (A Merry) M Muggeridge 9-10-0 ... C Llewellyn 74

Long handicap: Larksmore 9-12, Classey Boy 9-7, Father John 9-0.

BETTING: 9-4 Knight Oil, 11-4 False Economy, 3-1 Rich Remorse, 8-1 Larksmore, 20-1 Classey Boy, Father John.

1992: BIT OF A CLOWN 9-10-9 M M Lynch (11-2) Mrs I McKie 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

KNIGHT OIL 1l 2nd of 6 to Bit Of A Clown in handicap chase over course and distance (soft) with RICH REMORSE (7lb better off) 41l 5th. Previously 3l 2nd of 6 to Fit For Firing in Newton Abbot (2m 5f, heavy) handicap chase with CLASSEY BOY (3lb better off) 32l 5th. FALSE ECONOMY disputing lead when fell 2 out in 8-runner Warwick (3m 2f, good to soft) handicap chase won by Rio Haina. Earlier 12l 2nd of 5 to Pry's-Joy in Stratford (3m, good) handicap chase reappearance.
LARKSMORE beat Bit Of A Clown 1¾l in 11-runner handicap chase here (2m 6f, heavy) on penultimate start with CLASSEY BOY pulled up.
Selection: KNIGHT OIL

4.30 SCARLET PIMPERNEL HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,280: 2m 5f) (9 runners)

1 B6-3142 BUONARROTI 22 (CD,S) (Spaceage Plastics Ltd) J Old 6-12-0 ... T Grantham 98
2 B5P-PPP LAST HOUSE 22 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Easton) M McNeill 10-11-7 ... A Procter (5) –
3 12F560 GLENSHANE LAD 15 (G) (Mrs H Duffey) K Bailey 7-11-6 ... J McCarthy (7) 90
4 05556P CELTIC BREEZE 39 (V,G,S) (H Gething) M Naughton 10-10-10 ... P Niven 97
5 31RU-8P RAAWI 18 (F) (J Sissons) J Glover 5-10-8 ... S D Williams (3) 93
6 15-3130 BUCKINGHAM GATE 27 (CD,G,S) (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 7-10-3 ... A S Smith 93
7 0P4U60 MR TAYLOR 27 (F) (H Collingridge) H Collingridge 8-10-0 ... V Smith 99
8 UUP0-P0 CAPTAIN AHAB 12 (F) (Brackley, Domin, Matthews) J White 9-10-0 ... D Tegg –
9 P6/0-P35 PONDERED BID 13 (B,C,S) (A Penney) Pat Mitchell 9-10-0 ... J Osborne 88

Long handicap: Mr Taylor 9-8, Captain Ahab 9-8, Pondered Bid 9-5.

BETTING: 9-4 Buonarroti, 11-4 Celtic Breeze, 4-1 Buckingham Gate, 7-1 Raawi, 8-1 Glenshane Lad, 10-1 Mr Taylor, 16-1 others.

1992: THREEOUTOFFOUR 7-11-4 M Brennan (4-1) O Brennan 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

BUONARROTI 12l 2nd of 7 to Chichell's Hurst in Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, heavy) handicap hurdle. RAAWI fair 8l 3rd of 15 to Celcius in Haydock (2m 4f, good to soft) claiming hurdle on penultimate start.
BUCKINGHAM GATE has been running over fences; beat Pims Gunner ¾l in 15-runner Ludlow (2m 4f, good to soft) handicap chase in December.
MR TAYLOR has been steeplechasing this season, back over hurdles, never dangerous 7th of 16 to St Ville in Southwell (3m, standard) handicap last time.
PONDERED BID 3¼l 3rd of 15 to Boogie Bopper in Nottingham (2m, soft) conditional jockeys' selling hurdle on penultimate start.
Selection: BUONARROTI (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
O Sherwood	13	45	28.9	Mr R Russell	3	4	75.0
J Old	7	30	23.3	J White	11	44	25.0
J Upson	6	35	17.1	A S Smith	4	16	25.0
J Edwards	5	35	14.3	P Scudamore	8	45	17.8
D Gandolfo	7	53	13.2	T Wall	4	23	17.4
K Bailey	6	48	12.5	J Osborne	8	51	15.7

Pidgeon proving an able trainer

By Brian Beel

JENNY Pidgeon, winner of the point-to-point ladies' title on four occasions, has now successfully turned her hand to training.

Of the six horses in her stable eligible to run, four have already won. One of these, Wild Illusion, collected for the second time this season in the confined race at the Oxford University point-to-point on Saturday.

Two others followed in divisions of the maiden race, a tired Sing In Rhythm holding on in the first and Mid-Day Miller winning by a distance in the other.

All three were ridden by Jon Trice-Rolph, deputising for Ian McKie. McKie, the joint-master of the Bicester and Whaddon Chase, is still hunting and may find his able replacement difficult to remove later in the season.

For the second successive week Davy Blake had an easy victory, on this occasion with a 7lb penalty in the restricted at the Haydon. His time was six seconds faster than that of Gunmetal Boy in the open. Both were ridden by Michael Dun, who expects Davy Blake's next outing will be at Sedgefield a week today for the second of the Times Rising Stars qualifiers.

The dual winner Sneakapenny suffered a surprise defeat, beaten into third place behind Spartan Sprite at the North Norfolk, while Moorcroft Boy, the hot favourite for the Land Rover qualifier at the East Cornwall, could only fill the minor place in the race won by Confused Express.

Spectators at the Vale of Clettwr saw Scally's Daughter, returning to the course after a two-year absence, beat Brunico and the emergence of a promising rider, 18-year-old Emma Pearce, who looked most stylish when winning on her first ride, on the ex-Irish Robin Of Sherwood, in the Taittinger ladies' qualifier.

Michael Marsh dies aged 77

MICHAEL Marsh, the permit holder who owned three Whitbread Gold Cup winners, died at the weekend, aged 77.

Marsh won the Sandown showpiece twice with Larbawn, 1968 and 69, and retired from training in 1981. He completed his famous treble with Topsham Bay, trained by David Barons, last year.

NEWTON ABBOT

THUNDERER
1.40 As Du Trefle. 2.10 Rufus. 2.40 Wide Boy. 3.10 Ankud. 3.40 Ocean Link. 4.10 Land Of The Free.
Brian Beel: 3.40 Ocean Link.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY PATCHES) SIS

1.40 RIPPON TOR CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,649: 2m 6f) (12)

1 14 AS DU TREFLE 10 (S) M Pipe 5-11-12 ... M Foster
2 5-01 PADDYSWAY 18 (D,S) G Ham 6-11-12 ... R Davis
3 GREY TOUPE'E G Giddings 7-11-5 ... B Clifford
4 F05/ KERRYS EYE 658 P Rodford 9-11-5 ... T Thompson (5)
5 50 PRONOUNCED 33 J Edwards 6-11-5 ... R Furnant
6 5003 PRUSSIAN GUARD 18 Mrs J Retter 7-11-5 ... D Salter (3)
7 -0P0 SEXTON 18 (B) N Ayliffe 8-11-5 ... D Fortt (5)
8 3435 SUNLEY BAY 10 (B,S) P Nicholls 7-11-5 ... R Greene
9 0802 WOODSIDE HEATH 13 J Moore 6-11-5 ... P Moore (5)
10 000/ FAIRFIELD'S BREEZE 714 R Dickin 8-11-0 ... D Meredith
11 4504 MISHY'S STAR 21 (B) A Forte 11-11-0 ... Tanya Braybrook (7)
12 06 WALREDDON DOVE 83 S Hom 5-11-0 ... E Tierney

4-5 As Du Trefle, 100-30 Sunley Bay, 6-1 Woodside Heath, 8-1 Paddysway, 12-1 Prussian Guard, 14-1 others.

2.10 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE
(£2,456: 3m 2f 110yd) (11)

1 05U0 CARSWELL'S CHOICE 31 (F) J Honeyball 10-10-10 ... Miss T Honeyball (7)
2 PPPU CHANNEL PASTIME 6 D Williams 9-10-10 ... Mr G Lewis (7)
3 3-F2 CRYSTAL HEIGHTS 7 (G,S) Mrs J Retter 7-10-10 M A Fitzgerald
4 0200 MEDRONHEIRA 20 R Hodges 8-10-10 ... W Irvine
5 -0P4 RAGALDO 42 C Broad 7-10-10 ... A Flannigan (7)
6 R3FP RAMLOSA 67 D Barons 9-10-10 ... N Hawke
7 2FU2 RUFUS 21 (S) J Edwards 7-10-10 ... N Williamson
8 2-4P SALLY'S GEM 10 (G) J White 8-10-10 ... B Clifford (3)
9 -FP3 SAM PEPPER 21 Mrs S Farr 7-10-10 ... S Mackey
10 4F22 PROUD POINT 13 Mrs P Dutfield 8-10-5 ... R Greene (3)
11 5-U3 WIN ELECTRIC 8 Mrs R Henderson 7-10-5 ... Mr W Henderson

6-4 Rufus, 7-4 Crystal Heights, 6-1 Proud Point, 14-1 Carswell's Choice, Ramlosa, 16-1 Sam Pepper, 20-1 others.

2.40 FOX TOR HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,836: 2m 110yd) (3)

1 1134 SETTER COUNTRY 52 (CD,BF,F,G,S) R Hodges 9-12-0 W Irvine
2 2322 WIDE BOY 10 (CD,F,G,S) P Hobbs 11-11-4 ... Peter Hobbs
3 6533 JAILBREAKER 22 (C,D,BF,G) B Millman 6-10-5 ... A Webb

4-5 Setter Country, 11-10 Wide Boy, 8-1 Jailbreaker.

☐ Mossy Fern, carrying the colours of Pink Floyd star Roger Waters, took advantage of a last-fence blunder by the favourite Dandy Minstrel to land the Lugg Handicap Chase at Hereford yesterday.

3.10 HOUND TOR NOVICES SELLING HURDLE
(£1,635: 2m 1f) (13)

1 5PP ABSOLUTELY RIGHT 24 J White 5-11-4 ... B Clifford (3)
2 4-P COBB GATE 27 B Stevens 5-11-4 ... M Stevens (7)
3 0U02 CORNISH COSSACK 52 D Barons 6-11-4 ... R Davis (5)
4 1 EDGE OF THE GLEN 15 (D,S) R Hodges 5-11-4 ... A Tory
5 00 GREY ILLUSIONS 14 (B) C Popham 5-11-4 ... S Wynne (5)
6 056- HINTON MARINER 253 W G Turner 6-11-4 ... Miss A Turner
7 05-P BOLT OF GOLD 18 L Waring 5-10-13 ... D Salter (7)
8 -00P LIRELLA 12 P Rodford 6-10-13 ... T Thompson (7)
9 CHEREN BOY 217F J Honeyball 4-10-8 ... Miss T Honeyball (7)
10 ANKUD 128F M Pipe 4-10-3 ... M Foster
11 4404 DAILY SPORT GIRL 6 B Llewellyn 4-10-3 ... Mr J L Llewellyn (7)
12 06 HANDY LASS 13 Mrs A Knight 4-10-3 ... D Bridgwater
13 336 RIVER ORCHID 18 P Nicholls 4-10-3 ... M A Fitzgerald

11-10 Ankud, 5-2 Edge Of The Glen, 6-1 River Orchid, 8-1 Daily Sport Girl, 12-1 Cornish Cossack, 14-1 others.

3.40 LITTLE TOWN RESTRICTED NOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £916: 2m 5f) (14)

1 BLUE HAZEZZO Mrs P Hemmings 10-12-0 ... Dr P Pritchard (7)
2 /PP- HOLY FOLEY 406 Miss S Pleman 11-12 0 ... N Harris (7)
3 400/ LUCKY HANASSI 1751 S Stevens 12-12-0 ... T Greed (7)
4 4FP- MOUNT EATON FOX 306 P Henderson 10-12-0 ... M Batters (7)
5 4/U- MULBEN 351 J Grey 13-12-0 ... S Shinton (7)
6 F02/ OCEAN LINK 1005 H Wellstead 9-12-0 ... R Alner (3)
7 052/ RANDOM CHARGE 1468 R Alford 12-12-0 ... R Treloggen (5)
8 RUSTY BRIDGE J Johnson 6-12-0 ... Miss C Thomas (7)
9 SOME-TOY J Squire 7-12-0 ... Richard White (7)
10 TIRLEY MISSILE D Smith 7-12-0 ... J M Pritchard (7)
11 5- BLINKIN' NORA 374 (BF) Mrs R Lewis 9-11-9 ... G Lewis (7)
12 2F5- MATERIAL GIRL 328 C Egerton 7-11-9 ... J Durkan (3)
13 0- RUSHHOME 487 P Rodford 6-11-9 ... Miss S Cobden (7)
14 040/ SUNSTANE 823 F Matthews 9-11-9 ... M Frith (7)

11-8 Ocean Link, 2-1 Material Girl, 6-1 Random Charge, 8-1 Blinkin' Nora, 12-1 Mount Eaton Fox, 14-1 others.

4.10 HAYTOR NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,649: 2m 1f) (8)

1 2211 LAND OF THE FREE 18 (S) M Pipe 4-12-0 ... J Lower
2 P/20 EXACT ANALYSIS 26 N Mitchell 7 11-3 ... G Upton
3 5-64 SOHRAB 94 R Callow 5-11-0 ... W Irvine
4 40F- JET 280 C Popham 7-10-8 ... S Wynne (5)
5 -58U LUCKY BLUE 26 R Hodges 6-10-3 ... D Tegg
6 288P GRAND FELLOW 26 (B) A Forte 4-10-0 ... D Salter (7)
7 2002 PRINCE VALMY 21 N Ayliffe 8-10-0 ... E Tierney (5)
8 5/P- ELITE LED 369 P Hobbs 8-10-0 ... Peter Hobbs

4-7 Land Of The Free, 9-2 Exact Analysis, 8-1 Prince Valmy, 12-1 Lucky Blue, Sohrab, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Egerton, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; M Pipe, 119 from 345, 34.5%; J Edwards, 13 from 41, 31.7%, P Hobbs, 24 from 108, 22.2%, D Barons, 17 from 123, 13.8%, Mrs J Retter, 11 from 81, 13.6%.

JOCKEYS: D Meredith, 4 winners from 14 rides, 28.6%, J Lower, 10 from 37, 27.0%, N Williamson, 7 from 29, 24.1%; S Mackey, 4 from 21, 19.0%; Peter Hobbs, 17 from 94, 18.1%; B Clifford, 7 from 44, 15.9%.

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1.50 Lyn's Return. 2.20 Hard To Get. 2.50 General Merchant. 3.20 Good For A Loan. 3.50 Blushing Belle. 4.20 Alcoy. 4.50 South Sands.

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1.50 SWEETHEART NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(All-weather: £1,792: 2m) (7)

1 1300 OSGATHORPE 56F (D,F) M Usher 6-11-10 ... H Davies
2 11 LYN'S RETURN 7 (CD) R Simpson 4-11-8 (7ex) ... D Gallagher
3 0022 CLIPPER ONE 14 K Cunningham-Brown 5-10-12 ... A Maguire
4 P501 MUNDAY DEAN 26 (B,CD) R O'Sullivan 5-10-10 D O'Sullivan (3)
5 0-F4 SANDAIG 35 K Bailey 7-10-7 ... J Railton
6 P-PP CHEVELEY DANCER 92 A Dernon 5-10-5 ... W McFarland
7 PPP ROGER RABBIT 10F J Joseph 4-10-0 ... D Skyrme

11-8 Lyn's Return, 7-2 Clipper One, 4-1 Sandaig, 5-1 Munday Dean, 10-1 Osgathorpe, 33-1 others.

2.20 VALENTINE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(All-weather: £1,645: 2m) (6)

1 0025 MISTER LAWSON 26 (CD) B Forsey 7-12-0 ... I Shoemark
2 0543 PLEASE PLEASE ME 14 (D,F) K Cunningham-Brown 5-11-1 ... D O'Sullivan (3)
3 0050 HARD TO GET 14 (B,D,G) M Barraclough 6-10-10 ... Ann Stokell
4 0430 LOON 14 J Joseph 5-10-8 ... D Skyrme
5 0-56 FLUIDITY 8 E Buckley 5-10-9 ... M Hourigan (3)
6 06F3 DECIDING BID 21 (D,F,G) Mrs M Long 7-10-8 ... Leesa Long (7)

9-4 Please Please Me, 7-2 Loon, 4-1 Hard To Get, 7-1 Fluidity, 10-1 Deciding Bid, Mister Lawson.

2.50 PRETTY GIRL CLAIMING CHASE
(Turf: £2,584: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

1 FF51 PLAYPEN 22 (CD,F,S) R Frost 9-11-10 ... J Frost
2 3P33 SIRRAH JAY 15 (D,F,G,S) G Balding 13-11-9 ... A Maguire
3 PF STAYWITHME 8 R O'Sullivan 8-11-6 ... L Harvey
4 1321 GENERAL MERCHANT 12 (B,F,G,S) R Hodges 13-11-4 ... R Dunwoody

5-4 General Merchant, 6-4 Playpen, 3-1 Sirrah Jay, 25-1 Staywithme.

☐ Joe Fanning has been booked to ride Cool Luke in the William Hill Lincoln Handicap at Doncaster next month. The sponsors have cut the four-year-old's price from 40-1 to 20-1 and also trimmed last year's winner, High Low, to 20-1 from 25-1.

3.20 RED ROSE HANDICAP HURDLE
(All-weather: £1,740: 2m 4f) (4)

1 6516 LASTING MEMORY 68 (C,F,S) R Frost 7-11-10 ... J Frost
2 1-20 GOOD FOR A LOAN 103 (BF,F) R Lee 6-11-3 ... A Maguire
3 4213 CROWN BALADEE 14 (CD) M Usher 6-10-13 ... H Davies
4 0-4P SNOOKER TABLE 129 (D,F,G) Mrs J Wonnacott 10-10-0 ... D Gallagher

11-8 Crown Baladee, 13-8 Good For A Loan, 9-2 Lasting Memory, 6-1 Snooker Table.

3.50 ROMEO MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE
(All-weather: £1,660: 2m 4f) (7)

1 P00 BLUSHING BELLE 13 (B) J White 5-11-2 ... A Maguire
2 460- HATTON'S FESTIVAL 355 R Champion 6-11-2 ... M Hourigan (3)
3 P NEARLY A QUEEN 46 W Wightman 9-11-2 ... S Earle
4 5233 PRUDENT PEGGY 12 R Frost 6-11-2 ... J Frost
5 P500 RABBIT'S FOOT 25 R O'Sullivan 5-11-2 ... P Hide (5)
6 00UU FISIANNA 8 Mrs M Long 4-10-5 ... R Rowell
7 P2 LAMORE RITORNA 7 K Cunningham-Brown 4-10-5 ... D O'Sullivan (3)

4-7 Prudent Peggy, 5-1 Blushing Belle, 13-2 Lamore Ritorna, 14-1 Rabbit's Foot, 16-1 Hatton's Festival, 20-1 others.

4.20 JULIET NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,704: 2m 2f) (3)

1 011 ALCOY 21 (CD) P Kelleway 4-11-5 ... A Bates (7)
2 356/ BARCHAM 775 G Pritchard-Gordon 6-11-2 ... S Smith Eccles
3 FU55 BOBBY SOCKS 6 R Lee 7-11-2 ... A Maguire

2-9 Alcoy, 11-2 Bobby Socks, 8-1 Barcham.

4.50 CASANOVA CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,733: 2m) (7)

1 0224 SOUTH SANDS 26 (C,BF,F,G) Mrs J Wonnacott 7-11-10 ... M Hourigan
2 11-3 FACT OR FICTION 7 (C) Miss B Sanders 7-11-9 ... J Halls (8)
3 1P-P ECOSSAIS DANSEUR 27 (B,D,F) E Buckley 7-11-5 ... W Marston
4 4643 ALWAYS READY 13 (D,G) R Lee 7-11-1 ... Leanne Eldredge (8)
5 F512 FORGE 14 (C) K Cunningham-Brown 5-10-11 ... D O'Sullivan
6 2222 WHIPPERS DELIGHT 7 (D,G,S) G Charles-Jones 5-10-10 ... D Meade (8)
7 2164 PLAY THE BLUES 146 (D,F) R Frost 6-10-9 ... R Darke (6)

5-2 Always Ready, 7-2 Whippers Delight, 4-1 South Sands, 9-2 Fact Or Fiction, 13-2 Play The Blues, 10-1 Forge, 20-1 Ecossais Danseur.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Kelleway, 6 winners from 12 runners, 50.0%; Miss B Sanders, 23 from 71, 32.4%; R Simpson, 3 from 10, 30.0%; J White, 11 from 49, 22.4%, K Bailey, 7 from 33, 21.2%, R O'Sullivan, 6 from 34, 17.6%

JOCKEYS: A Bates, 6 winners from 12 rides, 50.0%; S Smith Eccles, 9 from 28, 32.1%, H Davies, 15 from 55, 27.3%; A Maguire, 14 from 53, 26.4%, J Railton, 3 from 16, 18.8%; D Skyrme, 4 from 29, 13.8%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Plumpton

Going: good (good to soft in places)

1.50 (2m 1f hdle) 1, CASTLE COURAGEOUS (E Murphy, Evens fav); 2, Cleeveland Lady (R Darke, 25-1); 3, Rock Legend (T Eley, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Marcocco (4th). 12 Sure Pride (ur). 100 Green's Game (5th). 6 ran. NR: Mighty Randolph. 10l, 4l, 2½l, 30l. Lady Herries at Littlehampton. No Tote dividends. CSF £18.01.

2.20 (2m ch) 1, BRIGGS BUILDERS (B Clifford, 5-1); 2, Fred Splendid (R Dunwoody, 5-4 jt-fav). 3, Hamper (A Dunwoody, 5-4 jt-fav). 3, Hamper (A Tory, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 jt-fav The Tory, 33 Breakfast Car (pu), Green Stuff (4th), 33 Breakfast Car (pu). 5 ran. 8l, 7l, 8l. M Muggeridge at Fyfield. No Tote dividends. CSF: £11.31

2.50 (2m 1f hdle) 1, DAYS OF THUNDER (B Clifford, 6-4 fav); 2, Masroug (G Moore, 10-1); 3, Sciacca (M Brown, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 3 Nidomi (4th), 8 Baybeelay (5th), 10 Trendy Auctioneer (6th). 6 ran. 2l, 7l, 1¼l, 8l, 5l. J White at Wandover. Tote: £1.80; £1.40, £5.90. DF: £10.70. CSF £13.88. No bid.

3.20 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, TARTAN TRIX (Mr P Hacking, 11-4); 2, Gunner's Flight (Mr R Alner, 5-4 fav); 3, Mandraki Shuffle (Mr A Harvey, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Ardesee (4th), 50 Milbird (pu), Which Way Now (5th). 6 ran. 5l, 20l, 20l, 30l. W Hacking at Rye. Tote: £4.10; £2.20, £1.40 DF: £2.80. CSF: £6.26.

3.50 (3m 1f 110yd) 1, VICOMPT DE VALMONT (R Dunwoody, 13-2); 2, Catchapenny (S J O'Neill, 4-1); 3, Askinfarney (A Maguire, 3-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 3 jt-fav Punch's Hotel (f), 6 Menebuck (f), 9 Why Run (ur), 50 Victory Gate (f) 7 ran ½l, dist. N Henderson at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £7.10; £3.00, £3.20. DF: £9.10. CSF: £28.88.

4.20 (2m 1f hdle) 1, KABAYIL (R Dunwoody, 8-15 fav), 2, Alice's Mirror (W McFarland, 7-1); 3, Storm Drum (A Tory, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Miss Doody (4th), 20 Laughing Gas (6th), 50 Lamestre (pu), Up All Night (f), Andlusia (5th), Manulife. 9 ran. 6l, sh hd, 20l, 15l, 1½l. C Egerton at Newbury. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £2.90. CSF £4.48.

4.50 (2m 4f hdle) 1, FOTOEXPRESS (Mr C Burnett-Wells, 7-2); 2, Joker Jack (A Procter, 7-2), 3, Garston La Gaffe (M P Fitzgerald, 11-2) ALSO RAN: 3 fav Sweet George (5th), 9-2 Sand King (6th). 25 Nun So Game (4th), 33 Summerhill Scoop, 50 Punky Knave, Glen Parish. 9 ran. 7l, 8l, 5l, 5l, 2l. R Rowe at Pulborough. Tote: £5.20, £1.50, £1.50, £1.70. DF: £6.60 CSF: £14.93. Tricast: £57.27.

Placepot: £39.50.

Hereford

Going: good

1.30 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Miss Equilia (P Scudamore, 5-2 fav), 2, Circuit Ring (5-1); 3, Johnsted (10-1). 18 ran. 4l, 2l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.50; £1.80, £3.00, £2.10. DF: £9.60. CSF. £15.70.

2.00 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Mossy Fern (J Osborne, 6-1); 2, Dandy Minstrel (3-1 fav), 3, Under Offer (10-1) 14 ran 4l, 20l. O Sherwood. Tote: £10.00; £3.00, £1.30, £3.20. DF: £10.00. CSF: £24.35. Tricast: £171.26.

2.30 (2m 3f ch) 1, Barrica (C Llewellyn, 5-2); 2, Saraville (2-1 fav); 3, Kontsaki (5-1). 12 ran. 3l, hd. D Nicholson. Tote: £3.60; £1.50, £1.70, £2.00. DF: £3.10. CSF: £7.62. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood

3.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Cavo Greco (D Skyrme, 12-1); 2, Passo All'erta (14-1), 3, Othet (25-1); 4, Donna's Token (20-1). Bengal Tiger 9-2 fav. 21 ran. NR: Alert The Boys. 1½l, 8l. J Joseph. Tote: £20.10; £5.80, £5.30, £19.40, £3.20. DF (1st or 2nd with any other). £4.60. CSF: £166.10 Tricast. £3,739.87. Winner bought in for 4,400gns.

3.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Admiralty Way (Diane Clay, 20-1); 2, Chamboros (3-1); 3, Strong Medicine (14-1). Shaarid 5-4 fav. 16 ran. NR. Sixth in Line. 12l, 4l. W Clay. Tote: £18.20, £3.50, £2.60, £4.50. DF. £52.60. CSF: £77.14.

4.00 (2m 3f ch) 1, Some Obligation (Mr T Byrne, 2-1 fav); 2, Cwm Gwaun (50-1); 3, Bee Garden (5-1). 15 ran. 5l, 10l. J Upson. Tote: £2.50; £1.70, £14.00, £2.10. DF: £127.50. CSF: £88.73.

4.30 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Fearless Fred (M A Fitzgerald, 8-1); 2, Amphigory (12-1); 3, Blasket Hero (16-1); 4, Wings Of Freedom (12-1). First Command, The Minder 6-1 jt-favs. 18 ran. ¾l, 1l. Mrs J Retter. Tote: £9.10; £2.30, £3.20, £4.30, £3.20 DF. £26.90. CSF: £97.03. Tricast: £1,395.83. Placepot: £179.60.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.10 (2m) 1, Coleridge (K Rutter, 5-2 fav); 2, Bedouin Prince (13-2); 3, Atlantic Way (8-1). 10 ran. 7l, 8l. D Shaw. Tote: £3.90; £1.20, £3.60, £4.20. DF: £15.40. CSF: £18.38. Tricast £104.91.

2.40 (7f) 1, Farm Street (B Russell, 14-1); 2, Try Leguard (5-1); 3, Juvenara (12-1); Miss Calculate, Sally's Son 7-2 jt-favs. 11 ran. 1¼l, sh hd. C Broad. Tote: £21.50; £2.40, £1.40, £2.60. DF: £70.10. CSF: £77.91.

3.10 (7f) 1, Quinzii Martin (J Williams, 11-4 fav); 2, Lord Naskra (7-1); 3, The Dream Maker (7-1). 8 ran. NR. Vanda's Girl 2½l, 1l. D Haydn Jones. Tote: £3.30; £1.30, £3.00, £1.10. DF: £15.80 CSF: £20.32 Tricast. £109.31.

3.40 (7f) 1, Pine Ridge Lad (Dean McKeown, Evens fav); 2, Pytchley Dawn (13-2); 3, Pirates Gold (9-1) 7 ran. NR: Don't Tell Jean Sh hd, 1½l. M Johnston Tote: £2.30; £1.50, £3.50. DF. £6.00. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.10 (1m 4f) 1, Mr Poppleton (T Quinn, 4-1); 2, Mulawih (25-1); 3, Albertito (5-2). Etiquette 5-6 fav. 8 ran. 5l, 5l. D Arbuthnot. Tote: £4.20; £1.10, £1.60, £1.30. DF (1st or 2nd with any other): £1.40. CSF: £72.30.

4.40 (5f) 1, Last Straw (Claire Balding, 11-2); 2, Strip Cartoon (14-1), 3, Love Legend (8-1). Le Chic 3-1 fav. 11 ran. Nk, 2½l. A Jones. Tote: £6.10; £2.40, £2.60, £3.10. DF: £44.60. CSF: £58.09. Tricast: £551.92. Placepot: £527.10.

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County scorers prepare for first screen test

Martin Searby discovers the information revolution that is to hit English cricket grounds is not entirely scorer-friendly

THE scorebooks used to record cricket's every fact and figure for the last 100 years will become as obsolete as curved bats, cane pads and top hats when the first-class game moves into the computer age this summer.

The 18 first-class "chalkers" will have laptop computers linked to a main database off the M62 through which information will be instantly transmitted to the Press Association, Teletext, the Test and County Cricket Board's premium telephone scoreline, and overseas agencies. The system is operated by Computer Newspaper Services (CNS), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Press Association.

The scorer will have a colour representation of the field on his screen, with 40 areas identified on menus. Using a "mouse", the scorer moves the cursor to indicate batsman and bowler, moves it again to show where the ball went, and enters the runs or a dot. He can show dropped catches, misfields and make comments.

CNS ran seven successful trials last summer but some of the scorers are not convinced. Ted Lester, who is retiring after 31 years in charge of Yorkshire's scorebooks, said: "It sounds great and will probably make money for the counties, but at what cost? One day recently I went to the gas board, building society and Headingley, and at all three the computers had packed up. I can see the chaos in the last over of a Sunday league match. It's difficult enough to keep up without indicating dropped catches and such."

The system, which has a capital cost of £140,000, needs a power supply and telephone, either landline or cellular, to transmit items which, in the first case, are not readily available, and, in the second, are thoroughly unreliable at out-grounds such as Basingstoke and Cheltenham. Tony Warner a CNS director, said: "The laptops have a battery system as well as mains and, since we are one of British Telecom's biggest customers, we do not anticipate any problems with the phones."

Byron Denning, the Glamorgan scorer, said: "They *will* run into problems unless it is foolproof from the start and I don't think they have started training early enough. I would want to keep my book at the same time. Sometimes we are not sure how a batsman has been dismissed, and you can't stop the game to ask."

Seminars will be held between February 26 and March 8 before the system goes on screen at Fenner's and The Parks for the opening matches of the 1993 season.

Warner said: "As far as we are concerned the operator must be a cricket person. We want to make the most of the scorers' knowledge and we will tailor the programme to individuals."

Vic Isaacs, the Hampshire scorer for the last 18 years, is already a convert. "It is a super system," he said. "You can get scoring charts, see where bowlers concede runs, it provides a wealth of statistics and you can even pick up scores from other grounds."

"Who knows?" Warner said. "In five years' time the whole thing could be voice-operated."

Heavy Test loss and dispute over pitches widens rift in touring team's ranks

Defeat leaves England with no excuse

GRAHAM MORRIS



Scratching for answers: Gooch, Alec Stewart and Keith Fletcher reflect on India's crushing victory in Madras yesterday, which clinched the three-match Test series

FROM PETER BALL IN MADRAS

IT TOOK India only ten overs to wrap up the second Test match here yesterday morning, and with it the series. England were beaten by the humiliating margin of an innings and 22 runs.

Two-nil down in a three-match series, the best they can do is salvage some pride. Unless they win the third Test, which starts in Bombay on Friday, they will equal the heaviest defeat suffered in a three-match series by any team in India, and could return with the worst record since Ted Dexter's team lost a five-match series 2-0 in 1962.

In this Test, as in the first in Calcutta, England were unlucky to lose the toss. Ill health, which in Calcutta affected Gooch and prevented Atherton playing, and here ruled out Gooch and undermined Smith and Gatting, was also a misfortune, even if the food poisoning in the latter case was self-inflicted to an extent. On this occasion too, the balance of the umpiring decisions, which were less impressive than in Calcutta, went against them.

But the margins of victory — eight wickets and an innings respectively — are too great to be explained away by bad luck. England have been outclassed. "Our all-round cricket has not been up to standard," Graham Gooch, the England captain, said before going off for a post-game net, his normal response in these situations.

He had no explanation for the failings. The side described after its month at Lilleshall as the best-prepared English expeditionary force looks more like Fred Karno's army, afflicted by illness, poor form and tactics, and questionable strategy.

England's tour of West Indies under David Gower's captaincy seven years ago deteriorated into a greater shambles, off the field at least. But suffering at the hands of four West Indian fast bowlers is one thing; to be overwhelmed by three innocuous Indian spinners is another.

But if the batting has borne the brunt of criticism, even though Hick, Fairbrother and Lewis all posted their highest Test scores here, the bowling has been at least as culpable. Bowling line and length should not be beyond international bowlers, even on flat first-day pitches against batsmen of the destructive capability of Azharuddin or Tendulkar in full flow.

Once again, India enjoyed the best of the pitch. "The pitch did a bit more as the game went on, and there were a couple of holes from the third day," Alec Stewart said as he reflected on a traumatic initiation into Test captaincy. But if India had the benefit of the toss, they turned it to full advantage. "If you put 500 on the board, all the pressure is off you and on the opposition," Gooch said. On both occasions, India did just that. England were under pressure from the start and made a poor fist of things.

Kumble, who ended Lewis's fine resistance yesterday to finish with six wickets in the innings, Chauhan and Raju wheeled away relentlessly to expose unsuspected limitations against spin, Kumble's performance suggesting he has been underrated.

"We don't see a lot of turning wickets in England, we don't see enough for our players to improve their technique against this type of bowling, and it is very difficult to come over here and have to learn a technique in the space of four or five weeks," Keith Fletcher, the team manager, said as he mounted a favourite hobby-horse in vilifying the blander nature of English county pitches.

Four-day cricket is likely to make things worse. Ironically, the pressure for both four-day cricket and flat pitches came from Fletcher's predecessor, Micky Stewart, and Dexter, the chairman of the England selectors. Stewart argued that flat batting pitches are the norm in Test cricket and therefore reproducing them in county cricket was the only way to produce Test cricketers.

The evidence in India, where slow, turning pitches have been tailored to their strengths, is to the contrary, and Fletcher disagrees with Stewart. So much for continuity. "I have been trying for some time to get counties to produce wickets that turn," Fletcher said. "It is a lot better game if wickets turn on the third and fourth days."

He may receive a dusty answer rather than dusty pitches. With the marketing men, who want games to go the full distance, so influential, groundsmen are likely to be under increasing pressure to produce flat tracks. Yesterday, Bob Bennett, the tour manager, was quick to distance the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) from his team manager.

"The type of wickets produced is a matter for the TCCB," Bennett said. "The board will obviously listen to the views of the England committee and manager, but it's not Keith's responsibility to set down guidelines for wickets. That is the board's decision."



Tendulkar: destructive

MADRAS SCOREBOARD

INDIA: First Innings 560 for 6 dec (S R Tendulkar 165, N S Sidhu 106, P K Amre 78, Kapil Dev 66 not out, V G Kambli 59).

ENGLAND: First Innings 286 (N H Fairbrother 83, A J Stewart 74, G A Hick 64, S L V Raju 4 for 103).

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
R A Smith c Amre b Kumble *Pushed low catch to short leg*	56	0	10	103	89
*A J Stewart lbw b Kapil Dev *Playing across the line - hit on back foot*	0	0	0	22	8
G A Hick c Tendulkar b Kapil Dev *Driving at outswinger*	0	0	0	8	8
M W Gatting lbw b Raju *Stretching forward to sweep*	19	0	3	50	48
N H Fairbrother c Prabhakar b Kumble *Skied to deep mid off*	9	0	1	46	33
†R J Blakey b Kumble *Playing no shot*	6	0	1	14	13
C C Lewis c and b Kumble *mistimed straight drive*	117	2	15	170	140
I D K Salisbury b Kumble *Top spinner skidded through*	12	0	1	83	61
P W Jarvis c Tendulkar b Kumble *Firm glance to leg slip*	2	0	0	15	12
P C R Tufnell not out	22	0	3	82	61
D E Malcolm c sub (Raman) b Raju *Push to silly point*	0	0	0	16	15
Extras (b 4, lb 5)	9				
Total (307min, 81.1 overs)	252				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10 (Smith 9), 2-12 (Smith 11), 3-71 (Smith 47), 4-82 (Fairbrother 2), 5-88 (Fairbrother 2), 6-99 (Lewis 4), 7-172 (Lewis 82), 8-185 (Lewis 74), 9-241 (Tufnell 11).

BOWLING: Prabhakar 3-2-4-0 (one spell); Kapil Dev 11-5-36-2 (7-3-20-2, 4-2-16-0); Raju 23.1-3-76-2 (10-1-29-1, 1-0-3-0, 7-2-20-0, 5-0-24-0, 0.1-0-0-1), Chauhan 21-4-59-0 (10-2-27-0, 5-0-22-0, 6-2-10-0), Kumble 21-7-64-6 (7-2-20-3, 14-5-44-3), Tendulkar 2-1-4-0 (one spell).

Umpires: V K Ramaswamy and Professor R S Rathore.

Man of the match: S R Tendulkar.

Result: India won by an innings and 22 runs.

Previous result: India won by eight wickets (Calcutta).

Test to come: February 19-23 (Bombay).

Such's best may go unrewarded

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN MELBOURNE

PETER Such returned the best figures of his career here yesterday but must wait to see whether they will be recognised officially. Such took seven for 82, including six for 39 between tea and the close, to restore England A near to parity in their four-day match with the Australian Cricket Academy at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

However, the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) has declared that the match is not first-class, a judgment that will bring a formal protest today from the tour manager, Mike Vockins.

The home administration has the right to award or withhold first-class status and the England party has no quarrel with their decision that the fixtures against Australian Capital Territory, a fortnight ago, and what will be a weakened Western Australia, next month, do not merit recognition.

But the management believes that the match deserves no such fate. "It is the closest we have on the tour to a representative fixture," Vockins said. The Australian board fears it would be setting a precedent for other matches played by weaker Academy teams, but England's argument is that this is a special case, a four-day game on a Test ground in which 21 of the 22 players have first-class experience.

A decision is not expected until the ACB meets in April, but it would be tough on Such if his skilful exhibition against a side packed with batsmen of Test potential was consigned to the game's small print.

After 11 years in county cricket, Such is one of those whose presence here is causing bewilderment among Australians.

He is a classic English late developer and only recently, at his third county, Essex, has he begun to mature through regular bowling and supportive leadership. A contentious choice for this tour ahead of younger off-spin bowlers such as Croft and Udal, Such has fully vindicated his inclusion already.

Yesterday, he did the work of two men; his spin partner, Boiling, had been ruled out of at least two games with a broken big toe. With two slow bowlers in tandem on this turning pitch, England might by now be in control.

At 158 for one, only 62 short of England A's first-innings score, the Academy were in clover. But once Capel took two wickets just before tea, the day was transformed.

The end of Hills, who had batted for 12 hours and scored 252 runs within a week against the touring side, allowed Such to wheel his way through the middle order, helped by flawless wicket-keeping from Russell.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND A XI: First Innings 220 (P J Prichard 77)

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET ACADEMY XI:

First Innings	
D Hills c Thorpe b Capel	69
*M Slater c Prichard b Such	43
G Blewett c Russell b Capel	43
M Bevan st Russell b Such	2
R Ponting c sub b Such	0
S Law run out	15
†A Gilchrist st Russell b Such	12
J Stewart c Mason b Such	10
S Cook c sub b Such	3
P McIntyre b Such	5
T Corbett not out	18
Extras (b 1, lb 12, w 1, nb 1)	16
Total	291

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-89, 2-159, 3-162, 4-183, 5-188, 6-190, 7-195, 8-207, 9-208.

BOWLING: Cardwick 23-4-58-0; Nott 18-5-42-0; Such 35.4-9-82-7; Capel 15-4-38-2

SPORT IN BRIEF

King and Gourlay upset seeded pair

THE defeat of two seeded players in the opening games of the Midland Bank world indoor bowls singles championship at the Preston Guild Hall yesterday was not altogether surprising (David Rhys Jones writes). Mervyn King, who beat Bill Boettger, of Canada, the No. 16 seed, is the England champion who outplayed Tony Allcock in the national final last April, and David Gourlay Jr, who beat Steve Rees, of Swansea, the No. 9 seed, has a record collection of Scottish titles.

King did well enough to suggest he might challenge the holder, Ian Schuback, if the Australian survives his opening encounter with Mike Nicolle, of Guernsey. Gourlay's next opponent will be his fellow Scot, Richard Coursie, who beat Bill Moseley, avenging his defeat by the South African in the world outdoor singles championship.

Cosford seeks reprieve

ATHLETICS: British athletics is facing a bill of £30,000 unless an attempt to save RAF Cosford as an indoor venue succeeds (David Powell writes). The track is due to be shut down in April and the RAF has reminded the AAA of England that it is liable for the cost of removing it, and its concrete base, under an agreement signed in the Sixties.

As an international venue for 23 years, Cosford witnessed many great moments, including world-best times by Sebastian Coe and Zola Budd, but has now been replaced by the Birmingham national indoor arena. Telford Athletic Club has collected more than 1,000 signatures urging a change of heart.

Pilgrim's progress

RUGBY LEAGUE: Steve Pilgrim, the Wasps and England B full back who was officially served notice yesterday of a 12-month ban from playing rugby union, is set for a further run-out with the Leeds Alliance side before any decision is taken on a career in rugby league. Doug Laughton, the Leeds coach, said: "We shall be taking another look at him but nothing is likely to happen in the next week or so." Dudley Wood, the Rugby Football Union secretary, and Sir Peter Yarranton, the Sports Council chairman, yesterday ruled out any reverse of the suspension.

Nebiolo investigated

OLYMPIC GAMES: Primo Nebiolo, president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), could face trial over the conversion of the Olympic stadium in Rome for the 1990 football World Cup. An IAAF spokesman said Nebiolo had been warned he was under investigation but added that, although Nebiolo was a member of the Italian Olympic Committee executive in the late 1980s, he did not take part in meetings on the stadium project, the cost of which rose from $56 million (about £39.5 million) to nearly $150 million.

Aamodt has fresh hope

SKIING: The new world double slalom champion, Kjetil Andre Aamodt, of Norway, may still achieve a rare title treble, even though the world championships in Morioka, Japan, officially ended on Sunday. The international ski federation (FIS) said it would discuss rescheduling the men's super-giant slalom, which was cancelled, if asked to by the teams. The FIS president, Marc Hodler, said it would be easy to stage the event in Norway, where downhill courses have been prepared for World Cup speed events next month at Kvittfjell and Oppdal.

South Africa collapse

CRICKET: South Africa lost their last seven wickets for 11 runs as Pakistan completed a dramatic victory in the last over of a rain-shortened one-day international in East London yesterday. Wasim Akram, the Pakistan captain, took five wickets for 16 in 6.1 overs as the home side collapsed for the second match in a row against its opponents. In reply to Pakistan's 214 for six, of which Javed Miandad scored 107, the home side was given a victory target of 172 runs from 31 overs. With five overs remaining, South Africa needed 25 runs to win but were out for 162.

Record entry at NEC

GYMNASTICS: Sixty-one countries have so far entered the world championships at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham in April, making the event one of the largest sporting events to be held in Britain. It is also a record for gymnastics, surpassing the 35 entries to the event at Indianapolis in 1991. The main factor in the increase is that former republics of the Soviet Union are taking part as separate nations for the first time. They are Armenia, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Russia, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

Bergkamp surprise



FOOTBALL: Dennis Bergkamp, right, yesterday joined Internazionale in a surprise move from the Dutch club, Ajax. Inter announced the signing of Bergkamp, 23, and his clubmate, Wim Jonk, 26, on three-year contracts beginning next season at a press conference in Milan, claiming they paid about £7 million for Bergkamp and £3 million for Jonk. "Inter met all my demands," Bergkamp said. "The most important thing for me was the stadium, the people and their style of play."

Top two struggle

TABLE TENNIS: England's highest-ranked players, Lisa Lomas and Chen Xinhua, are struggling with injuries during the build-up to the English national championships, which are less than three weeks away. Both players, who were certain to be the top seeds in the women's and men's events at Kings Lynn in the two-day event on March 6 and 7, had to pull out in the middle of the European top 12 tournament in Copenhagen. Lomas has also withdrawn from the British Women's League two-day event at Bletchley next weekend but, like Chen, is hoping rest will cure her injury.

Call for restrictions

RUGBY UNION: The plethora of player transfers should be halted by restrictions, a leading club official insisted yesterday. Alex Finch, chairman of the playing committee at Wasps, said players changing clubs should be made to serve a 120-day qualification period in second-team rugby. "It is all too easy for them," he said. "If a player is just mildly concerned his club might be relegated, he can hedge his bets well sign a form to protect their interests. But this increases a flippant approach to the whole game."

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (33239)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (83383993)
9.05 Kilroy with Robert Kilroy-Silk (s) (8909018)
9.45 Ross King with comedian Stanley Unwin (s) (6280784)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (98558852) **10.05 Playdays** at the Playground stop (s) (6742622)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick Daily magazine show with Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. Including at **11.00** and **12.00 News** (Ceefax) and weather (s) (10949061)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Judi Spiers is joined by the entertainer Danny La Rue (s) (7620887) **12.55** Regional news and weather (98412158)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (60210)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (87932516)
1.50 First Letter First. The high-tech word game (87936332)
2.15 Film: Dear Murderer (1947, b/w). Eric Portman stars as a vengeful husband plotting to kill his wife's lover. With Greta Gynt and Dennis Price. Directed by Arthur Crabtree (960210)
3.50 Children's BBC: Pinocchio Cartoon (r) (1171595) **4.15 Jackanory**. *Harvey Angell* by Diana Hendry. Adrian Edmondson reads the second of five episodes (1081351) **4.30 The New Yogi Bear Show** Animation (r) (8954603) **4.35 Hangar 17** Entertainment for children. (Ceefax) (s) (3111061) **5.00 Newsround** (1451852) **5.10 Grange Hill** (Ceefax) (s) (4003429)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (834697). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. (Ceefax) Weather (535)
6.30 Regional news magazines (887). Northern Ireland: Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s)
7.00 Holiday Jill Dando reports from Bournemouth on the campaign to lure holidaymakers back to the British seaside. Eammon Holmes presents the first of three programmes from the Balearic Islands; Gloria Hunniford samples a weekend city break in New York; and Sue Cook joins children on an RSPCA holiday (Ceefax) (s) (3806)
7.30 EastEnders A game of poker turns serious. (Ceefax) (s) (871)
8.00 Citizen Smith: Prisoner Tooting's urban guerrilla has an eventful night. Starring Robert Lindsay (6326). Wales: The Noble Guide
8.30 A Question of Sport. Ian Botham and Bill Beaumont lead their teams in the sporting quiz. With David Coleman. (Ceefax) (s) (1061)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (3697)
9.30 Smith and Jones. Comedy highlights from Mel Smith and Griff Rhys Jones (r). (Ceefax) (77993) Wales: Week In Week Out
10.00 Harry Enfield's Television Programme. Comedy impersonations (47264). Northern Ireland: Home Truths (769239)
10.30 Omnibus: The Brothers Grimm A dramatised film exploring the lives of Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm and the magical world they created in their classic fairy tales (r). (Ceefax) (134626) Northern Ireland. 10.40 Country Times (964351); 11.05 Omnibus (884887)



Too involved: Head (centre), Finch and Jackson (11.20pm)

11.20 Film: Sunday, Bloody Sunday (1971)
● CHOICE: This was director John Schlesinger's first work after *Midnight Cowboy*, a very British subject after a very American one, an arguably superior work which gained only a fraction of the attention. Not even the story of a young man with lovers of different sexes could set the box-office alight, though it did mark an advance in the cinema's treatment of homosexuals. Murray Head plays the young man, simultaneously involved with Peter Finch's doctor and Glenda Jackson's business woman. It says much for Penelope Gilliatt's screenplay that the relationships are taken on their own terms, explored with sympathy and understanding and not required to carry symbolic weight. In a wider sense the film is a study in anxiety and loneliness, showing how the anxious seventies succeeded the swinging sixties (237871). Northern Ireland: 11.55-1.40am Film: Sunday, Bloody Sunday (101622)
1.05 Weather (3216369). Ends at **1.10**
2.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Club (830746). Ends at **3.15**

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Measuring the Earth and the Moon (4404264); **7.10** Biology — Body Plans (1861103); **7.35** James Hutton: Geologist (4678784)
8.00 Breakfast News (5366516)
8.15 Westminster Parliamentary update (2522968)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes (16832581)
2.00 News and weather followed by **You and Me** (51563871)
2.15 Past and Present Preserved. A visit to the Hague Municipal Museum (r) (43891500)
2.30 See Hear! A tribute to the deaf poet Dorothy Miles (r) (s) (448)
3.00 News and weather (7924326) followed by **Westminster Live**. Including prime minister's questions (7735719) **3.50 News** and weather, regional news and weather (8961719)
4.00 Catchword Paul Coia hosts the word game (s) (500)
4.30 Safe as Houses An investigation into mining subsidence in Cornwall and west Devon (r) (784)
5.00 France Means Business: Managing Success. A profile of the French industrialist Vincent Bolloré (8784)
5.30 Film '93 with Barry Norman. A repeat of yesterday's programme on BBC1 (r) (s) (264)
6.00 Film: Escape from the Planet of the Apes (1971). Following the earth's destruction in *Beneath the Planet of the Apes*, our simian heroes Kim Hunter and Roddy McDowall crashland in modern-day California. Directed by Don Taylor (36034622)
7.35 Animation Now. *Leonardo's Diary* (r) (222264)
7.45 Assignment: Russia's Lost Soul. Emily Buchanan reports on the search for homegrown solutions to mass unemployment and hyper-inflation in post-communist Russia (448332)
8.30 Food and Drink. Chris Kelly and Jill Goolden serve up chilled soups and a traditional Indian beef curry (9603)
9.00 Quantum Leap: Heart of a Champion. The offbeat American science-fiction series. Sam (Scott Bakula) leaps back in time to 1955, and into the body of a wrestler. (Ceefax) (s) (203177)



Fishing to forget: brickies King (left) and McAvoy (9.50pm)

9.50 40 Minutes: Sanctuary
● CHOICE: After a lacklustre recent performance the documentary slot is back under a new editor, Paul Watson, and promising a sharper focus, a greater intensity and a wider range. Tonight's film is a sideways glance at the recession through the eyes of three men who share an interest in fishing. They also come from the same line of business, though from opposite ends. Ray runs his own construction company and is doing well. Allan McAvoy and Dick King are brickies and unemployed. Their common pleasure ground is a stretch of water on the Earl of Normanton's estate in Hampshire. Ray comes to get away from stress. Allan and Dick come to forget their troubles. The idea is a promising one but perhaps because the men are trying to relax and shut out the everyday world, the film is not as strong as it might be. (Ceefax) (s) (408581)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (623603)
11.15 The Late Show. The arts and media magazine (s) (687581)
11.55 Weather (300210)
12.00 A Tropical Rainforest in Mexico (7587678). Ends at **12.25am**
2.00 Nightschool TV. A-level German (67889). Ends at **4.00**

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ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (8295852)
9.25 Runway Holiday quiz show with Richard Madeley (9443061) **9.55 London Today** (6655142)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... A topical discussion (9955500)
10.35 This Morning Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan present advice on fashion, finance, consumer affairs and motherhood. Including at **10.55 ITN News**, **11.55 London Today** and weather (20597332)
12.10 Wizadora Puppet series (8099577)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler (Teletext) Weather (1972516) **1.05 London Today** (80585332)
1.15 Home and Away. Drama series in Summer Bay. (Teletext) (213784)
1.45 A Country Practice (s) (212055)
2.15 It's a Vet's Life. John Baxter reports from Paris on rabies, Jane Beckwith rescues an injured reindeer, and fleas comes under the microscope (Teletext) (300264)
2.45 Families Anglo-Australian soap (s) (2801142) **3.10 ITN News** headlines (7008332) **3.15 London Today** (7007603)
3.20 Blockbusters Bob Holness hosts the general knowledge quiz for sixth-formers (s) (5808784)
3.50 Children's ITV: Rod 'n' Emu Cartoon (r) (8958245) **4.00 Toucan Tecs** Animation (s) (1997968) **4.15 Count Duckula**. Adventures with the cartoon vampire (3044239) **4.40 Oasis**. Children's drama series. (Teletext) (s) (8438806)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (8957790)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News with Carol Barnes (Teletext) Weather (531603)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (67516)
7.00 Emmerdale Money worries plague Beckindale (Teletext) (8974)
7.30 A Day in the Life of ... Desmond Wilcox concludes his seven-part series on London's famous landmarks with a report on the opening night of the musical *Grand Hotel* at the Dominion Theatre (s) (239)
8.00 The Bill: Gone for a Soldier. WPC Ackland (Trudie Goodwin) helps the military police to find a missing soldier. (Teletext) (7622)
8.30 The Cook Report The intrepid Roger Cook investigates where the IRA obtains its explosives (3429)



Tracking a killer: McManus (left) and Macpherson (9.00pm)

9.00 Taggart: Death Benefits. The first of a three-part thriller written by Barry Appleton, starring Mark McManus as the dour Glaswegian detective. A policeman's wife is found murdered. Her name features on a list of people meeting with fatal accidents. Taggart and his sidekick Mike Jardine (James Macpherson) face a race against time to prevent further untimely deaths. (Teletext) (2887)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald (Teletext) Weather (32332) **10.30 London Tonight** (385581)
10.40 Film: Murder by Decree (1978). A complex, and often lurid, thriller starring Christopher Plummer as Sherlock Holmes and James Mason as Dr Watson investigating the murder of prostitutes by Jack the Ripper. Directed by Bob Clark (60535103)
12.45am Prisoner: Cell Block H (4746920)
1.35 The Little Picture Show. Mariella Frostrup reviews *Hellraiser III* and *A River Runs Through It* (4809982)
2.30 Film: Antoinette (1986). A tragic French drama, with English dialogue, about a boy's obsessive relationship with his mother. Starring Jacqueline Parent and François Marthouret and Laurent Terzieff. Directed by Bernard Queysanne (58833)
3.30 Quiz Night. Pub and club quiz (48712)
4.00 The Beat. Featuring the Hothouse Flowers (r) (s) (91562)
5.00 Riviera. French drama about an aristocratic family (73036)
5.30 ITN Morning News (62369). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

5.50 Sesame Street. Early learning series (r) (6456603)
6.45 Spiff and Hercules. Animation (9327887)
7.00 The Big Breakfast with Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (56061)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Comedy quiz with Bill Cosby (46581)
9.30 Schools (949055)
12.00 The Parliament Programme. Zeinab Badawi reports (39245)
12.30 Sesame Street. The actress Whoopi Goldberg is today's guest (85603) **1.30 Lift Off**. Entertainment for children (s) (76210)
2.00 Film: History is Made at Night (1937, b/w). Elegant romantic drama starring Jean Arthur, whose former husband (Colin Clive) tries to destroy her burgeoning relationship with French waiter Charles Boyer. Directed by Frank Borzage (175535)
3.45 Pete Smith Specialities *Landlording It* (8959974)
3.55 Survival: Jezebel Terry Reilly drives his Land Rover around a national park in Swaziland (8540448)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (852)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Lauren is unable to maintain a steady relationship. She is given the chance to find out why when former boyfriends tell their side of the story. (Teletext) (s) (8731055)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout Cartoon (r) (976413)
6.00 The Crystal Maze Richard O'Brien invites two more teams to test their strength and intellect in the labyrinth (65158)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather (808500)
7.50 Comment (588332)
8.00 Free for All The return of the series which allows viewers to make their own documentaries. Farida Anderson argues that prisoners should be allowed conjugal visits (5264)
8.30 The Pulse
● CHOICE. The jaunty Emma Freud hosts a new series examining concerns in the health field. Two topics are up for scrutiny this week. One, echoing a theme recently aired in the BBC's excellent *The Trouble with Medicine*, is whether all operations are strictly needed. The programme argues that they are not and blames the medical profession for being stuck *in old grooves*. The examples seem persuasive. Glue ear in children, the subject of 42,000 operations a year, apparently clears up by itself in half the cases. And the most frequent operation performed on British women, the D and C, is said to be not only unnecessary much of the time but also potentially harmful. Item two shows how drug companies can confuse family doctors with misleading hype about new products. The reporting is crisp and informative (1871)



Flower power: Bremner impersonates Dame Edna (9.00pm)

9.00 Without Walls: J'accuse Dame Edna Everage (2535) and **Big Mac** (60603)
● CHOICE. The arts strand returns with its reputation-bashing feature *J'accuse*, this time aimed at Dame Edna Everage. The accuser is Rory Bremner who argues that a once great comedy act has become coarse and cruel and obsessed with its own celebrity. Edna first appeared in the sixties as a sad, mousy figure, nothing like the later housewife superstar. The present Edna emerged at the same time as Mrs Thatcher. This was no coincidence, says Bremner. Both were huge egos who gorged themselves on power. Agree or not, it is a penetrating analysis. The second item uses the phenomenon of *Home Alone*'s Macaulay Culkin to examine the pitfalls of being a child star. It includes wry contributions from Jack Wild and Mark Lester, who shot to fame in *Oliver!* but found the going very difficult afterwards
10.00 Film: Drowning by Numbers (1988). Peter Greenaway's compelling black comedy about three women with the same name who form a murderous allegiance. Starring Joan Plowright, Juliet Stevenson and Joely Richardson. (Teletext) (s) (79931245)
12.10am Dream On: Over Your Dead Body. American comedy series starring Brian Benben (r). (Teletext) (s) (6754949)
12.45 The Nat King Cole Show (b/w). The guests are Frankie Laine, the Van Horne Singers and the Nelson Riddle Orchestra (r) (47678)
1.15 Showtime at the Apollo. Nona Hendryx, Regina Bell and Natalie Cole perform at the Harlem venue (4099494). Ends at **2.10am**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20pm-3.50 The Young Doctors (5808784) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8957790) **6.00** Home and Away (248142) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (863622) **7.30-8.00** Food Guide (239) **10.40** A Painful Reminder (5032974) **11.55** Kojak (134429) **12.50am** Film: Murder Sees the Light (643949) **2.45** The Little Picture Show (824185) **3.45** ITV Chart Show (4077630) **4.30** Riviera (95746) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (73036)

BORDER
As London except: 3.20pm-3.50 Sons and Daughters (5808784) **6.00** Lookaround (603) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (555) **7.30-8.00** Ambulance! (239) **10.40** A Painful Reminder (5032974) **11.55** Prisoner: Cell Block H (134429) **12.50am** Film: Murder Sees the Light (643949) **2.45** The Little Picture Show (824185) **3.45** ITV Chart Show (4077630) **4.30** Riviera (95746) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (73036)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (213784) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (212055) **3.20-3.50** GP (5808784) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8957790) **6.00** Home and Away (248142) **6.25-7.00** Central News (863622) **7.30-8.00** Heart of the Country (239) **10.40** A Painful Reminder (5032974) **11.55** Kojak (134429) **12.50am** Film: Once a Hero (8144901) **2.10** The Big E (3524388) **3.05** Sport AM (6832659) **4.05** Profile: Fish (97233456) **4.15** Jobfinder (3213291) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3225494)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (213784) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (212055) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (2801142) **3.20** Sons and Daughters (5808784) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8957790) **6.00** Home and Away (603) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (555) **7.30-8.00** House Style (239) **10.40** A Painful Reminder (5032974) **11.55** Kojak (134429) **12.50am** Film: Murder Sees the Light (643949) **2.45** The Little Picture Show (824185) **3.45** ITV Chart Show (4077630) **4.30** Psychedelic Furs — In Profile (95746) **4.30** Riviera (95746) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (73036)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45pm-2.15 Blockbusters (212055) **3.20-3.50** The Sullivans (5808784) **6.00** HTV News (603) **6.30-7.00** Good Health! (555) **7.30-8.00** The Weekly Eco (239) **10.40** A Painful Reminder (5032974) **11.55** Prisoner: Cell Block H (134429) **12.50am** Film: Murder Sees the Light (643949) **2.45** The Little Picture Show (824185) **3.45** ITV Chart Show (4077630) **4.30** Riviera (95746) **5.00** Jobs (73036)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** 4x4 **7.30-8.00** A Welsh Life

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.20pm-3.51 The Young Doctors (5808784) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (603) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (555) **7.30-8.00** Ambulance! (239) **10.40** Viewpoint '93 (656326) **11.40** Future Perfect (620806) **12.10am** Coach (6756307) **12.45-1.35** Island Son (4746920) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (73036)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 3.20pm-3.50 The Young Doctors (5808784) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (603) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (555) **7.30-8.00** Billy (239) **10.40** A Painful Reminder (5032974) **11.55** Sports Night Out (134429) **12.50am** Comedy Tonight (3380746) **1.20** The Little Picture Show (7101920) **2.20** 60 Minutes (9004272) **3.10** Countdown (6824630) **4.10** Disaster Chronicles (34496098) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (6743388)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45pm-2.15 Blockbusters (212055) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (5808784) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (67516) **7.30-8.00** On the Road to the Islands (239) **10.40** A Painful Reminder (5032974) **11.55** Prisoner: Cell Block H (134429) **12.50** Film: Murder Sees the Light (643949) **2.45** The Little Picture Show (824185) **3.45** ITV Chart Show (4077630) **4.30** Riviera (95746) **5.00** Jobs (73036)

YORKSHIRE
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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (56061) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (46581) **9.30** Schools (949055) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (39245) **12.30pm** Slot Meithrin (84239) **1.00** Sesame Street (78622) **2.00** The Late Late Show (37448) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (5279332) **3.50** Fingerwave (3286852) **3.55** Happy Days (6909326) **4.25** Slot 23 (8610142) **5.00** Countdown (3852) **5.30** Moviewatch (332) **6.00** News (691210) **6.10** Heno (159806) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (8516) **7.30** Mae O Dwm (581) **8.00** Steil (5264) **8.30** News (454061) **8.55** Lleifior (1443245) **10.05** The Golden Girls (267158) **10.35** The Sexual Imperative (655697) **11.35** The Avengers (876993) **12.35am** J'accuse Dame Edna (4857340) **1.00** Big Mac (65433)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat Show (36227061) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-A-Long (5629993) **9.10** Cartoons (8293871) **9.30** Pyramid Game (21513) **10.00** Strike It Rich (76351) **10.30** The Bold And The Beautiful (71245) **11.00** Hart To Hart (40544) **12.00** Falcon Crest (29326) **1.00pm** E Street (98992) **1.30** Another World (7811235) **2.15** Santa Barbara (842210) **2.45** Maude (841581) **3.15** The New Leave It To Beaver (944622) **3.45** DJ Kat Show (8385018) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4177) **6.00** Rescue (1719) **6.30** E Street (2871) **7.00** Diana — Her True Story (94245) **9.00** Royal Discussion (16332) **10.30** Studs (72974) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (90429)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am News (94852) **8.30** News And Business Report (529500) **9.30** Nightline (21595) **10.00** Dayline (74993) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (73413) **11.30** International Business Report (73245) **12.30pm** News And Business Report (57429) **1.30** Good Morning America (58158) **2.30** Parliament Live (3938500) **3.15** Parliament Live (2490790) **4.30** News And Business Report (5968) **5.00** Live At Five (76697) **6.30** News And Business Report (83061) **7.30** Target (6697) **8.00** Sky World News Hour (217448) **10.30** Nightline (94516) **11.30** ABC World News (84697) **12.30am** Beyond 2000 (26291) **1.30** ABC News (81511) **2.30** Target (60496) **3.30** ABC News (56271) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (38017) **5.30** ABC News (19291)

SKY MOVIES+
6.00am Showcase (2762790)
10.00 Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid (1981). Film noir spoof with Steve Martin (17535)
12.00 They All Laughed (1981): Comedy about New York private eyes (85055)
2.00 End of the Line (1987). Railroad employees steal a vintage engine (58806)
4.00 Caddie Woodlawn (1991). Children's story about an 11-year-old frontier girl (6581)
6.00 Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid (as 10am) (74620806)
7.40 Entertainment Tonight (149852)
8.00 Quigley Down Under (1990) Tom Selleck as a sharp-shooter in Australia (40687)
10.00 The Perfect Weapon (1991) Martial arts adventure (6697535)
11.25 Enemy Unseen (1989). A team of mercenaries go into the jungle (228603)
1.05 The Rift (1990): Divers find something unusual on the ocean floor (8331384)

2.25 Outcast (1991): An abused outsider makes a pact with the Devil (172098)
4.00 Mack the Knife (1989): Adaptation of *The Threepenny Opera* with Raul Julia (84949). Ends at **5.58am**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.15am Abba the Movie (1977): The Swedish superstars on tour (32050500)
8.00 Ode to Billy Joe (1976). Drama about doomed lovers (30049332)
9.50 Water (1985). Caper about a Caribbean British colony (544933). Ends at **11.30pm**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Bikini Beach (1964): Frankie Avalon surfing comedy (82548018)
7.50 Ship of Fools (1965): Melodrama aboard a German ocean liner (64051871)
10.20 The Talk of the Town (1942). Cary Grant romance (27764887)
12.20pm On the Waterfront (1954). Dockside drama with Marlon Brando (376697)
2.10 The Chipmunk Adventure (1989). Animal animation (6806177)
3.35 Little Nemo Prince: Cartoon (6412023)
5.05 Another Time, Another Place (1958): Romance in war-torn London (74289054)
7.00 Columbo: Death Hits The Jackpot (1991). With Peter Falk (14055)
9.00 Bird on a Wire (1990): Action with Mel Gibson and Goldie Hawn (67500)
11.00 Crusoe (1989). Anti-racist adaptation (145326)
12.35am Darkman (1990): Sam Raimi in a comedy thriller (167104)
2.15 Pete 'n' Tillie (1972): Walter Matthau copes with the trials of marriage (280456)
4.00 Come Back, Little Sheba (1952): Emotional drama about a wife and her alcoholic husband (979659)
5.40 Operation Bikini (1963) Wartime submarine drama (4837017). Ends at **5.58am**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Stretch (18559) **7.00** Surfing (68644) **8.00** European League (16103) **9.00** Stretch (49245) **9.30** Trucks 'N' Tractor Power (76887) **10.00** World Sports (14581) **10.30** Boots & All (97061) **11.30** Stretch (69448) **12.00** Red Line (86210) **1.00pm** PGA Golf (68054) **3.00** Professional Figure-Skating 1989 (28055) **5.00** Boots & All (6177) **6.00** Soccer News (934697) **6.03** Watersports (89622) **7.00** Autoglass Trophy: Stoke City v West Bromwich (922018) **10.00** Football (62535) **12.00** Motor World (43142) **12.30** World Sports (15901) **1.00** Muscle Night (49497)

EUROSPORT
8.00am Aerobics (44790) **8.30** Bobsleigh (70581) **9.30** Speed Skating World Championships (33351) **10.30** Aerobics (67697) **11.00** Eurogoals (31790) **12.00** Alpine Skiing (894326) **3.00pm** Tennis Eurocard Classics Tournament, Stuttgart (4378974) **7.30** Eurogoals (26968) **8.30** Eurosport News (7429) **9.00** International Kick Boxing (91535) **10.00** Tennis Eurocard Classics Tournament, Stuttgart (25790) **11.30** News (16531)

SCREENSPORT
7.00am NBA Action (43581) **7.30** Swedish Ice Hockey Tournament (44806) **9.00** Ladies Pro Ten Pin Bowling (34448) **10.00** Pro Kick (51500) **11.00** Gillette World Sports Special (59061) **11.30** NHL Ice Hockey (81055) **1.30pm** Monster Trucks (77516) **2.00** Top Match Football (13852) **3.00** PBA Bowling (61806) **4.00** Ice Hockey (87185) **5.30** Football Europa (9332) **6.00** The Mountain Bike Show (6245) **6.30** Iceracing (25061) **7.30** Volvo PGA European Tour (22142) **8.30** Pro Box (48061) **10.30** League (13784) **12.30** NBA Action (13543)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (38959239) **6.15** Button Moon (38043622) **6.30** All New Popeye Show (1842993) **7.00** Beverly Hills Teens (3902210) **7.30** Neighbours (3094245) **8.00** Sons And Daughters (5503142) **8.30** EastEnders (5502413) **9.00** The Bill (5699993) **9.30** When The Boat Comes In (5325500) **10.30** Casualty (7491429) **11.30** Don't Wait Up (6523167) **12.00** Sons And Daughters (5686429) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5268974) **1.00** EastEnders (3901581) **1.30** The Bill (5267245) **2.00** Porridge (7499158) **2.30** Bread (3602603) **3.00** Dallas (2923103) **4.00** Beverly Hills Teens (3420055) **4.30** Jossy's Giants (3426239) **5.00** Neighbours (7300210) **5.30** Dr Who (3513719) **6.00** When The Boat Comes In (5276393) **7.00** Porridge (7493974) **7.30** Don't Wait Up (3427968) **8.00** EastEnders (7402622) **8.30** Bread (7498429) **9.00** Casualty (3212852) **10.00** The Bill (5687158) **10.30** Ripping Yarns (5696806) **11.00** Dick Emery (2828559) **11.30** Film: Red Dust (1932) (8675535) **1.00** Video Bites (9628727)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air with Piers Burton-Page Including Howells (Lady Radnor's Suite: LSO under Adrian Boult), Poulenc (Suite, Les Animaux modeles: South West German RSO under Marcello Viotti); Elgar (Three Bavarian Dances, Op 27: Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Norman Del Mar); Gazzaniga (Don Giovanni, Finale: Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra under Bruno Weil with Stuttgart Chamber Choir)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Witold Lutoslawski, Part 2. The 1950s. Adrian Thomas presents Little Suite (Pomeranian PO under Takuo Ukigaya); Five Songs (Polish National RSO under the composer, with Halina Lukomska, soprano); Three Postludes: BBC Philharmonic under Oliver Knussen); Venetian Games (Polish National RSO under the composer)
10.00 Morning Sequence: Including performances by Artist of the Week Heinz Holliger and music by the late composer Stephen Albert. Telemann (Oboe Concerto in C minor: Academy of St Martin under Iona Brown with Heinz Holliger, oboe); Britten (Lachrymae: Moscow Soloists under Yuri Bashmet, viola); Purcell (Incidental music, Oedipus, excerpts: Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood); Copland (Our Town, excerpts: Eric Parkin, piano); Stephen Albert (Into Eclipse: Lontano under Odaline de la Martinez); Pasculli (Concerto on themes from Donizetti's La Favorita); Schoenberg (Chamber Symphony No 1: Chamber Orchestra of Europe under Heinz Holliger)
12.00 Early Music from Regensburg (r)
1.00 News
1.05 Berlin Philharmonic: Claudio Abbado conducts Beethoven (Symphony No 5 in C minor) and Schubert (Symphony No 4 in C minor, Tragic)
2.20 Dvořák. Borodin Trio perform Piano Trio in F minor, Op 65 (r)
3.15 BBC Philharmonic: Peter Maxwell Davies conducts Vaughan Williams (Overture: The Wasps); Maxwell Davies (Ballet suite: Caroline Mathilde), Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 6 in E minor)
4.30 The Myth Maker: In the sixth of eight programmes, American record producer George Avakian talks to Ian Carr about his work with the trumpeter Miles Davis
5.00 In Tune with guest Paul Robertson of the Medici Quartet
7.30 Pebble Mill: Live from Studio 1, Birmingham. Steven Isserlis, cello, and Olli Mustonen, piano, perform Beethoven (Variations on "Bei Männern welche Liebe fühlen, WoO 46; Sonata in C, Op 102 No 1); Shostakovich (Cello Sonata, Op 40); Sibelius (Malinconia, Op 20); Brahms (Sonata in F, Op 99). In the interval at **8.20** David Huckvale considers the life of the composer on film
9.30 South African Snapshots: The second of five conversations with contemporary writers in South Africa features Douglas Livingstone, the acclaimed poet
9.50 BBC Symphony Orchestra. Alexander Lazarev conducts Shchedrin (Stihira) and Komdorff (Sempre tutti)
10.45 Night Waves: Radio 3's three-nights-a-week answer to Radio 4's six-times-a-week *Kaleidoscope* is giving its older brother some stiff competition. Tonight's edition is typically wide-ranging: an interview with the former nun Karen Armstrong about her new book *A History of God* leading into a discussion about monotheistic faiths, some jazz from the London Gabrieli Brass Ensemble, 30 years old this year, and the revival of Orton's *Entertaining Mr Sloane* at London's Greenwich Theatre
11.30 Rachmaninov and Chopin: BBC Scottish SO under Jerzy Maksymiuk perform Rachmaninov's The Isle of the Dead and Chopin's Piano Concerto No 2 in F minor
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25am Night School (Except in Scotland. As broadcast this afternoon on R5)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on **FM**
5.55am Shipping
6.00am News Briefing incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **6.45** Business News; **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day with Rt Rev Jim Thompson **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.55** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444
10.00-10.30 From the 'Pool to 100 and a Fish (FM only). George Melly begins an autobiographical journey starting in Liverpool (s)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 A Confession (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour introduced by Jenni Murray. Features a report on the people who attended the Commonwealth Women Writers' Workshop; an interview with Sally Trench who took aid into Bosnia, and also with actress Sheila Steafel who has mounted her first art exhibition; plus more on Chinese cookery. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Medicine Now: Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical care
12.00 You and Yours with Linda Lewis
12.25 The Older Woman: Zoe Wanamaker, Martin Clunes, David Troughton and Toyah Willcox star in the final part of Tony Bagley's comedy (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (s) (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Thirty-Minute Theatre: Day Off
● CHOICE: With only 30 minutes at her disposal, Moya O'Shea really had no choice but to write economically. But there are good and bad ways of scripting radio plays that try to say a lot in little time. O'Shea has made the maximum use of her half hour with a prickly and exciting play about four friends who are trapped by wrong relationships and by the devastating bush fire that swept through the state of Victoria, Australia, in February 1983. She has also given herself a key role (s)
2.30 Richard Baker Compares Notes with the members of Domus, a piano quartet so called after the portable dome in which they gave their first concerts (s)
3.00-4.00 Tuesday Lives (FM only) Joanna Buchan talks to the persuaders (s)
3.00 Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: talks to David Thomas about his stance on post-feminism; reviews Marina Warner's first collection of short stories *The Mermaids in the Basement*; and features music from Eddie Reader (s)
4.45 Short Story: The Affair by Mike Feder. Read by Kerry Shale
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Second Thoughts: Starring James Bolam as Bill and Lynda Bellingham as Faith in the final part of Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie's series (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 File On 4: Major issues at home and abroad
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 The Ice Cream Man Cometh: Richard Kelly relates the history of the Italians who set sail for New York and ended up in the North East of England (r)
8.45 In Touch: Cheryl Gabriel presents the views of blind and partially sighted women
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight with Roger White (s)
10.00 The World Tonight with Alexander Macleod (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: An Evil Cradling (7/10)
11.00 The Radio Programme: with Laurie Taylor (s) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **6.00am** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Gary Davies In The Afternoon **6.00** Mark Goodier's Mega Hits **6.30** News 93 **7.00** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **9.00** Help! **10.00** Paul Gambaccini Goes into the Night **12.00** Bob Harris **12.30am** Bob Harris **4.00** Bruno Brookes with The Early Breakfast Show

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **6.15am** Pause for Thought **7.00** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** We Stayed in with ... Jungr and Parker **7.30** Hayes over Britain **9.00** The Twist **10.00** Hollywood Hoofers **10.30** The Jamesons **12.50am** Jazz Parade **12.35** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester **5.00** Sarah Kennedy

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm**. **6.00am** World Service: World News **6.09** News About Britain **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.30** The AM Alternative with Janice Long **11.30** BFBS Worldwide **12.30pm** A Century Remembered **1.05** Take Five with Michaela Strachan **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **7.15** Simple Simon 2 **7.30** Football Plus with Jonathan Legard **10.10** Earshot **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in GMT. **4.30am** World Business Report **4.40** Travel and Weather News **4.45** Programmes in German **5.30** Europe Today **5.59** Weather **6.00** World and British News **6.14** Travel News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Programmes in French **6.59** Weather **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** New Ideas **7.50** Writers in A Nutshell **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** International Recital **9.00** World News **9.05** World Business Report live **9.15** Inside the Photograph Album **9.30** Images of Britain **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Discovery **10.30** Eastern Sounds **11.00** Newsdesk **11.29** Travel News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **12.00** World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 1 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.05** Outlook live **2.30** Off The Shelf: Picnic at Hanging Rock **2.45** Mastersingers **3.00** World News **3.15** A Jolly Good Show **4.00** World News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News Headlines in French **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** World News and Business Report **5.14** Travel News **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Programmes in French **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** World News **8.10** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe Tonight **9.00** Newshour **10.00** World News **10.10** News About Britain **10.15** Megamix **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** International Recital **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** World News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** From A Bruised Shore **1.45** Country Style **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Development 93 **3.00** World News **3.10** News About Britain **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Discovery **4.00** World News **4.15** Images of Britain

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Jane Jones **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons with guest Michael Grade, Channel 4 chief executive **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Walton (Cello Concerto); Bax (Tintagel) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard and guest Kent Nagano, conductor **7.00** Classic Opera Guide with Hugh MacPherson **8.00** Classic FM Concert **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00am** André Leon

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Chelsea appoint Webb to revive glory days



Porterfield: dismissed

BY DENNIS SIGNY

IAN Porterfield's 20-month reign as the manager of Chelsea ended after a training session yesterday. After a run of 12 matches without a win since December and exits from the two big cup competitions, he is the first manager to be dismissed in the Premier League.

David Webb, formerly the manager of Southend United and a Chelsea FA Cup-winner from 1970, when he headed the decisive goal against Leeds United in extra-time of a final replay at Old Trafford, was immediately installed as manager for a three-month period.

Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, summarised the decision to dismiss Porterfield when he said: "The results are not in keeping with our aspirations." He said it was up to Webb to prove he was the man for the job; he had been successful at Southend and was "Chelsea through and through". Webb, from East London, made 230 appearances with Chelsea as a player between 1967 and 1973 after starting his career at Leyton Orient and moving to Southampton. He also played for Queens Park Rangers, Leicester City, Derby County and Bournemouth, making a total of 552 appearances.

Chelsea were fourth in the Premier League when they won 2-1 away to Tottenham Hotspur in December. In the next match they beat Everton in a Coca-Cola Cup replay to reach the quarter-finals of that competition. Since then, however, they have lost seven and drawn five games and slipped to halfway down the table.

Bates said he had reviewed the results — "We have lost as many as we have won over the last two seasons" — and then approached Webb on Sunday. Webb will be in charge for the first time for Chelsea's televised game away to Blackburn Rovers next Sunday.

"We have been plagued by injuries and we have not had the rub of the green," Bates said. "By making changes at this time, it gives us a chance." He added that the club and Porterfield had parted on amicable terms and wished each other all the best.

In Porterfield's first season at Stamford Brige, Chelsea finished fourteenth. Bates provided about £6.5 million for new players, with Porterfield signing Robert Fleck (£2.1 million), Paul Elliott (£1.4 million), Tony Cascarino (£1 million in a swap deal with Celtic for Tommy Boyd), Vinnie Jones (£575,000; he was later sold on to Wimbledon), John Spencer and Nigel Spackman (both £450,000), Mick Harford (£300,000) and Mal Donaghy (£150,000). With Chelsea's future at Stamford Bridge secured, Bates obviously believed success on the field was necessary to match his ambitious plans for the stadium.

Hartlepool yesterday dismissed Alan Murray as manager, six weeks after he had led the second division club to a memorable FA Cup third-round victory over Crystal Palace, of the Premier League. Murray, however, paid the price for the club's fading promotion challenge. Hartlepool have failed to score in nine successive games. Viv Busby, out of work since being dismissed as Sunderland coach 14 months ago, was drafted in for his first managerial appointment.

Wright still in reckoning for World Cup tie against San Marino

Ferdinand to lead England's charge

BY ADRIAN HOLLOWAY

LES Ferdinand, the Queens Park Rangers striker, will make his England debut in the World Cup qualifier against San Marino at Wembley tomorrow. It seems likely that he will partner Ian Wright, whose groin injury improved yesterday.

Ferdinand replaces the injured Alan Shearer in the one certain change from the team that defeated Turkey 4-0 in November.

Ferdinand, 26, has also benefited from the injury to David Hirst and the withdrawal last week of Alan Smith, but Graham Taylor, the England manager, said yesterday that he had intended to include Ferdinand against San Marino ever since it became clear that Shearer would be unavailable.

"It had always been in my mind to give him a taste of international football, and he's not in just because we're playing San Marino," he said. "If it was Holland I still would have started him."

Taylor, though, might have to do without his captain, Stuart Pearce, who is still struggling with a groin strain. David Platt would most likely take over as captain, with Tony Dorigo replacing Pearce at left back.

Ferdinand has taken an unlikely route to international recognition. He has played at Wembley before — for Southall in the 1987 FA Vase final — but he feared the chance of becoming a professional had passed him by before QPR signed him from Hayes for £15,000 when he was 19.

Initially, Ferdinand failed to make an impression at Loftus Road, and spent a year on loan in Turkey with Besiktas. It was only after Roy Wegerle was transferred to Blackburn Rovers that he gained a regular first-team place. He has scored 12 goals this season. "I've told Les 48 hours early so that he can think it through," Taylor said. "He's taken time to develop and I know Gerry Francis [the QPR manager] has done wonders with him."

England will be expected to go most of the way towards matching Norway's 10-0 win against San Marino in the opening group two match last September, and Ferdinand is confident he will recapture the form that has largely deserted him since earning a place on the substitutes' bench against Turkey.

"People expect goals from an England striker playing against this sort of opposition," he said. "I've never scored more than two in a professional game, but I expect to score on Wednesday, not because they're amateurs but because it's my job."

Taylor said that Wright's injury, sustained after he had scored both Arsenal's goals in a 2-0 FA Cup fifth-round win over Nottingham Forest on Saturday, "has shown tremendous improvement" since he joined the squad at their Buckinghamshire hotel on Sunday night, although he did not train with the rest of the squad at Bisham Abbey yesterday.

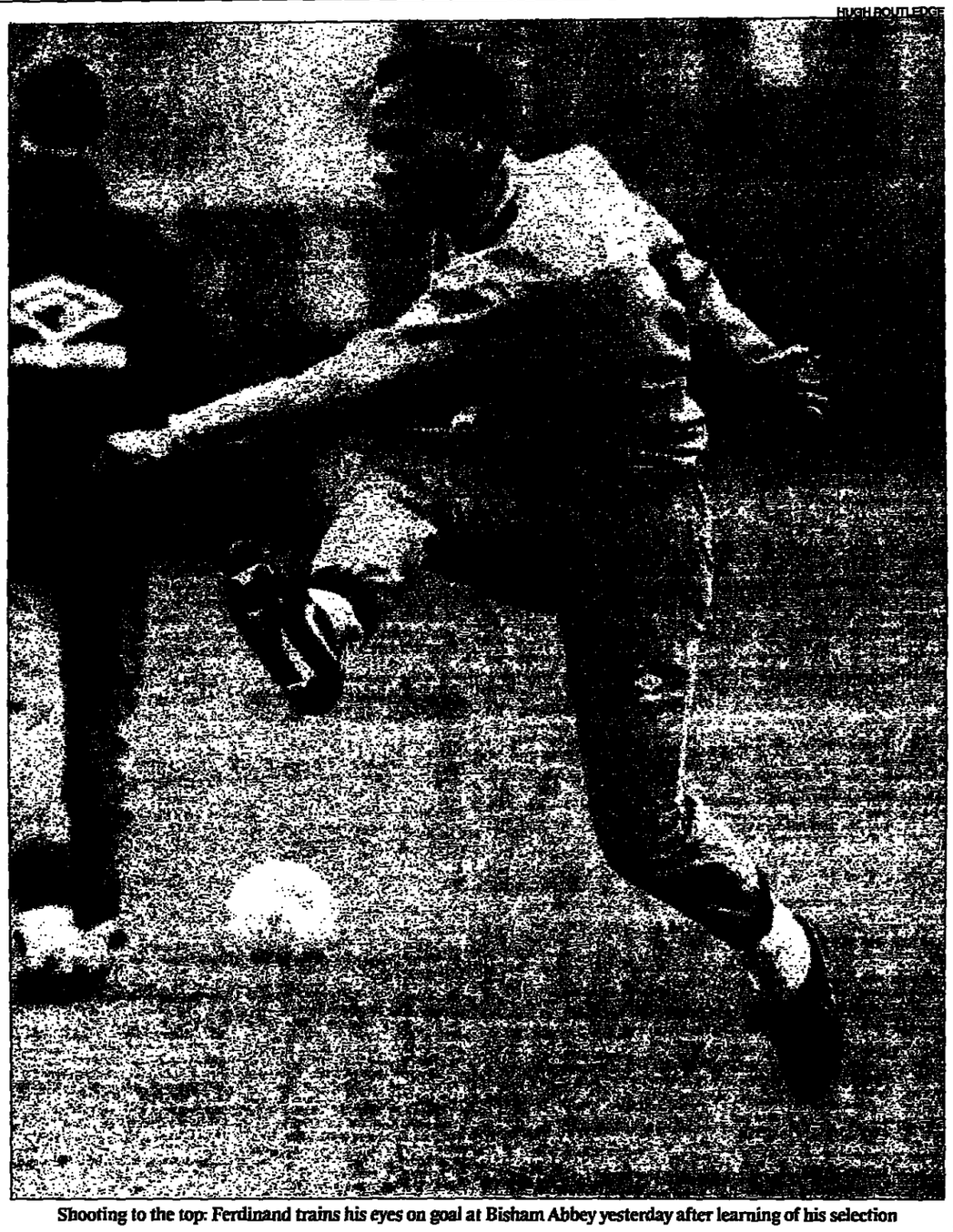
Pearce, who also played at Highbury, ostensibly to prove he had recovered from a similar injury, was restricted in his movement and was forced to miss the afternoon session. He and Wright must prove their fitness today.

"Pearce's groin has tightened up, but he will tell me if he isn't fit," Taylor said. "Wright is so keen to play that I've got to make sure he isn't kidding himself. I'm not saying he'd try to con me, but he's just very enthusiastic."

If Wright fails to convince Taylor of his fitness, John Barnes could be asked to partner Ferdinand in a central attacking role.

Des Walker also missed training after picking up a minor knock playing for Sampdoria against Udinese on Sunday. Ince and Pallister received similar injuries in Manchester United's FA Cup defeat at Sheffield United and did not train as a precaution. Deane and Sharpe, who were on opposing sides on Sunday, arrived late and did some light work.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Shooting to the top: Ferdinand trains his eyes on goal at Bisham Abbey yesterday after learning of his selection

Bingham sends for defender

DARREN Patterson, the Crystal Palace defender, has been drafted into the Northern Ireland football squad for the World Cup qualifying match in Albania tomorrow.

Patterson, 23, was called up for the first time by Billy Bingham, the Northern Ireland manager, after Bernard McNally, the West Bromwich Albion midfield player, sustained a groin injury in training yesterday. Kevin Wilson, of Notts County, has also withdrawn from the squad after failing a fitness test.

With just four points from four fixtures, Northern Ireland must defeat Albania to maintain even a fleeting interest in qualifying for the finals in the United States next year.

Ryan Giggs, the Manchester United winger, has withdrawn from the Wales squad for the international against the Republic of Ireland in Dublin, throwing the plans of Terry Yorath, the Wales manager, into further disarray.

Yorath was hoping to use the game as a warm-up for the World Cup qualifier against Belgium in Cardiff next month but Ian Rush, the Liverpool forward, pulled out on Sunday with a groin strain and Dean Saunders, of Aston Villa, withdrew with the same problem.

Yorath has called up Glyn Hodges, the Sheffield United midfield player, and Chris Coleman, of Crystal Palace, as replacements. Paul McGrath, the Villa central defender, and Gerry Peyton, the Everton goalkeeper playing on loan with Chelsea, have been ruled out of the Ireland squad.

Jack Charlton, the Ireland manager, has agreed to a request from Villa not to use McGrath because of the player's history of knee problems. Peyton had an operation on a cartilage injury earlier this week.

Charlton also misses the game as he is travelling to Albania with Northern Ireland to watch his side's next opponents in group three. "Some seats were available on our flight and it seems Jack grabbed one of them," Bingham said. "He apparently asked the Irish Football Association for a seat and one was provided."

Shearer out for season after operation

BY IAN ROSS

ALAN Shearer, the Blackburn Rovers and England forward, will not play again this season. He underwent a 90-minute operation at the Evelyn Hospital in Cambridge yesterday to rebuild the cruciate ligament in his right knee.

Although the injury is similar to the one that threatened to end the career of Paul Gascoigne, his England teammate, the damage is not thought to be as serious.

Shearer still faces at least four months of inactivity and, with an extended period of recuperation necessary, it is unlikely he will be in a position to resume senior football before August.

Professor Philip Dandy, who performed the operation, said that if his recovery programme was not disrupted, he should be ready for the start of next season. The most expensive footballer in Britain, at £3.3 million, will miss England's next five World Cup qualifying games, starting with San Marino at Wembley tomorrow.

Shearer damaged his knee during a Premier League game against Leeds United at Ewood Park on Boxing day and the problem was initially diagnosed as cartilage trouble. He had a routine operation in a Blackburn clinic on January 11 but was still complaining of discomfort last week.

Kenny Dalglish, the Blackburn manager, said: "Alan is now going to be left to rehabilitate. He won't be rushed back."

Since Shearer sustained the injury, Blackburn have collected only four points from five games — a sequence that has all but ended their chances of winning the Premier League — but they are still involved in the FA Cup. Of the sixth-round ties, only their match with Sheffield United and Ipswich Town versus Arsenal will be played on the original date, March 6.

Television demands mean Manchester City's meeting with Tottenham Hotspur will be screened live from Maine Road by the BBC on March 7 while Derby County's home match against Sheffield Wednesday has been switched to March 8 for BSkyB.

Botham blames defeat on tour selection

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

IAN Botham yesterday said the omission of David Gower was one of the main reasons the England cricketers lost the Test series in India.

"It was a disgrace the way they treated Gower because in the last Test against Pakistan, before this tour, he did everything that was asked of him with the bat." Botham, the former England captain, said. "To be told he has an attitude problem was unbelievable.

"Graham Gooch [the captain] should have sorted the problem out because it is the cricket we are playing in India that has suffered."

Talking in Perth, where he is on a speaking tour with Viv Richards, Botham, 37, said he hoped that he, Gower and Allan Lamb would be recalled when England attempt to regain the Ashes from Australia next summer.

Meanwhile, Micky Stewart, the former team manager, advised the players to ignore inevitable criticism that will follow their performances.

"If you take notice of criticism you are dead," Stewart said after England's heaviest defeat in 80 Tests against India, spanning 61 years, which put them 2-0 down in the three-match series. "You carry on playing with great belief, with confidence — you stay together and put it right. That's the way."

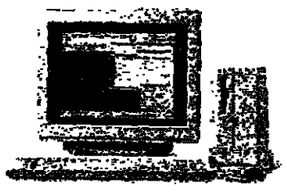
Stewart, who was succeeded by Keith Fletcher last summer, believes the results in India will have no bearing on the Ashes series. "Last year, people were singing England's praises for performing well in New Zealand and then the World Cup. That's the way the game goes," he said.

"It has obviously been a difficult tour. It has been crucial that one or two players you were hoping would find some early form haven't done so."

Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) officials insisted that there was "no question of the selectors being sacked". Ken Lawrence, the TCCB spokesman, commenting on a Teletext poll of supporters being organised by ITV, said: "They have been elected for a period of time. I don't think polls like this are very helpful."

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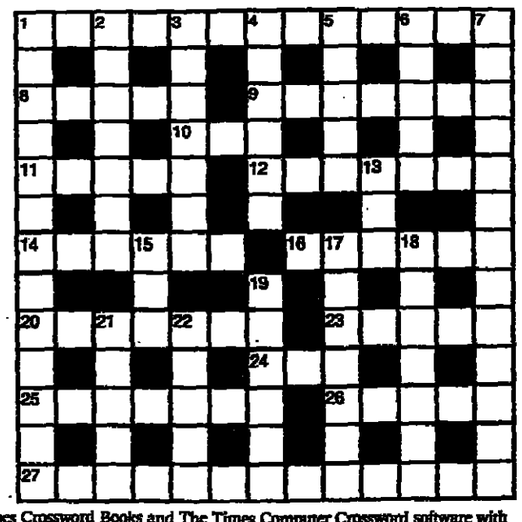
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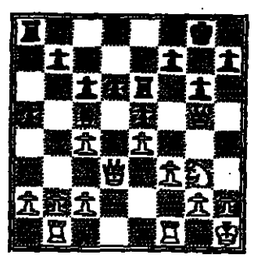


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CHESS

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's position is from the game Delekta — Geller, France 1992. The position looks quiet enough, but black's next move forced immediate resignation. What did he play?



Solution on page 36.

WORD WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

TALQUAL
a. As they come
b. An Inuit sledge
c. An Andean vulture

KISWA
a. Arabic Nemesis
b. A Japanese dice game
c. A holy black cloth

CHEECHAKO
a. A greenhorn or tenderfoot
b. A seductive dance
c. A straw hat

PLANCTUS
a. Very small fish
b. A lament
c. A deformity of the spine

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